



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF ACCREDITATION OF ELEVEN (11) FOREIGN MEAT ESTABLISHMENTS OF INDIAN BUFFALO MEAT IN UTTAR PRADESH, INDIA

WHEREAS, it shall be the utmost objective of the Government to protect its borders and territories from the entry, establishment and spread of animal diseases that may be introduced by the importation of disease-carrying, contaminated, and/or adulterated meat and/or meat products, which endanger the lives and safety/health of the consuming public and which could pose risk to human and animal health and life and potentially cause serious economic consequences;

WHEREAS, as stipulated in DA Administrative Circular (AC) 12 series of 2015 – Updated Rules and Regulations Governing the Allocation, Importation, and Utilization of Fresh Frozen Buffalo Meat From India, Section 3.2.3.1, *all accredited Indian Foreign Meat Establishments (FMEs) shall be subjected to surveillance audit once a year by NMIS HACCP auditors;*

WHEREAS, DA AC 12 series of 2015 Section 3.1.1.2, have also emphasized that *the buffalo for slaughter shall have remained in an Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD)-free zone with vaccination where regular vaccination against FMD is done, and official controls are in place, for at least 3 months before slaughter;*

WHEREAS, last March 2020, a team composed of BAI and NMIS conducted an inspection mission in India to evaluate their veterinary services and inspect the FMEs as part of the required yearly surveillance audit;

WHEREAS, according to the findings of the auditors of BAI, there are Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreaks in Uttar Pradesh, India, as reflected in ICAR-Directorate of Foot and Mouth Disease, Annual Report, 2017-2018;

WHEREAS, an official communication letter dated 10 August 2020 was sent by the BAI to the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) of India requesting for clarifications on the FMD outbreaks as seen in the ICAR-Directorate of Foot and Mouth Disease, Annual Report, 2017-2018;

WHEREAS, the DAHD of India has not yet responded to the letter of BAI to further explain the FMD outbreaks in their country;

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WHEREAS, there are eleven (11) FMEs located in Uttar Pradesh where the FMD outbreaks have been reported;

WHEREAS, until the BAI receives an official response from the DAHD regarding the FMD outbreaks, especially on Uttar Pradesh, where eleven (11) FMEs are previously accredited by the Philippines, these FMEs will be temporarily suspended;

WHEREAS, the following FMEs of India located in Uttar Pradesh are hereby recommended for temporary suspension as listed;

NO.	FME NO.	FME NAME	FME ADDRESS
1	APEDA 66	M/S AL-HAMD AGRO FOOD PRODUCTS PVT. LTD.	Udla Ilyaspur, PO, Sarsoi, GT Road, Aligarh-202001 Uttar Pradesh, India
2	APEDA 180	M/S INTERNATIONAL AGRO FOODS	Plot No. 2764, 2765, 2766 Bhoor Garhi Dasna Distt-Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, India
3	APEDA 121	M/S FRIGERIO CONSERVA ALLANA PRIVATE LIMITED	Plot No. 14/1, Village Talaspur Khurd, Tehsil Koil, Mathura By Pass Road, Aligarh-202001 Uttar Pradesh, India
4	APEDA 161	AL NASIR EXPORTS PRIVATE LIMITED	2761 Bhoorgarhi Dasna Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, 201015 India
5	APEDA 68	FAIR EXPORTS (INDIA) PVT. LTD.	Village Ahmad Nagar Pahari, Tehsil Sadar, District Rampur, Uttar Pradesh 244901 India
6	APEDA 106	AL REHMAN FROZEN FOOD	Village Chimvawali, Moradabad Road, Sambhal 244302 Uttar Pradesh, India
7	APEDA 42	FAIR EXPORTS (INDIA) PVT. LTD. (Formerly M/S AMROON FOODS PVT. LTD)	1310/6,7,9,11 Kursi-Agasan Road, Kursi, District Barabanki, Uttar Pradesh, India 225 302
8	APEDA 133	M/S AOV EXPORTS PRIVATE LIMITED	D1 & D2, UPSIDC, Industrial Area, Site 1, Unnao, Uttar Pradesh, India
9	APEDA 150	MASH AGRO PRIVATE LIMITED	Village Bichipari, Tehsil, Hasanganj, Pargana, Ajgain, Unnao, Uttar Pradesh, India 208931
10	APEDA 36	M/S INDAGRO FOODS PRIVATE LIMITED	B1-5, Site II, UPSIDC Industrial Area, Unnao, Uttar Pradesh, India
11	APEDA 67	M/S AGRICOM FOODS PRIVATE LIMITED	B-32 to B-47, Leather Technology Park, UPSIDC, Industrial Area, Banthar-Unnao, Uttar Pradesh, India

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. DAR, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby institute the following measures for the importation of Indian Buffalo Meat from Uttar Pradesh, India:

1. Temporary suspension of accreditation of the eleven (11) FMEs listed above;
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Import Clearance of the above-stated commodity;
3. All shipments which are already **IN TRANSIT** will be accepted provided intensified inspection of documents and Indian Buffalo Meat shipments shall be conducted by DA-BAI veterinary quarantine officers at the ports of entry;
4. All previously approved SPS Import Clearances which have not yet left India after the issuance of this Order are hereby revoked and therefore advised not to sail their shipment;
5. Shipments with ship out date after the issuance of this Order shall be dealt with as per DA AO 9 s. 2010 Section VII. D;
6. More rigorous and tight inspection on all arrivals of Indian Buffalo Meat products from India by DA NMIS Plant Officers assigned at DA accredited cold storage warehouse.

This **ORDER** shall take effect immediately.

Done this 22nd day of October 2020.


WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D
Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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