



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 71
Series of 2020

SUBJECT: LIFTING THE TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF POULTRY MEAT ORIGINATING FROM *Brazil*

WHEREAS, the Philippines has imposed DA Memorandum Order no. 39 series of 2020 – Temporary Suspension on the Importation of Poultry Meat Originating from Brazil due to the numerous reports on the detection of SARS COV-2, the causative agent of COVID-19, in a surface sampling conducted in chicken meat imported from Brazil to China;

WHEREAS, several documentary requirements were requested by the Philippines to the veterinary authorities of Brazil in order to assess the COVID-19 precautionary measures implemented by their government and its foreign meat establishments (FME);

WHEREAS, upon evaluation of the submitted documents, Brazil has provided evidence that the safety protocols enforced in different accredited FMEs are equivalent to the guidelines established by the Philippines relative to the mitigating measures against COVID-19 in meat establishments;

WHEREAS, based on the relevant information provided by Brazil, there is satisfactory evidence to show that food safety measures in compliance to Good Manufacturing Practices are primarily considered in the daily operations of FMEs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. DAR, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby lift the temporary ban on the importation of poultry meat originating from Brazil;

All import transactions of poultry meat shall be in accordance with existing rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture and the Bureau of Animal Industry.

All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

This **ORDER** shall take effect immediately.

Done this 14th day of December 2020.


WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.
Secretary

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