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**ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR**

No. 06

**SERIES OF 2018**

**SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3.2.7 AND 4.1.1.3 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA) ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR (AC) NO. 01, SERIES OF 2017<sup>1</sup>**

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**WHEREAS**, it shall be the utmost objective of the Government to protect the Philippine borders through Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary control measures to prevent the entry and spread of animal diseases that may endanger the lives and health of the consuming public and which could pose risk to human and animal health;

**WHEREAS**, the Government of India has been a trading partner of the Philippines through its export of Indian Buffalo Meat (IBM) since 1992, wherein thirteen (13) Foreign Meat Establishments (FMEs) are accredited by Department of Agriculture;

**WHEREAS**, during a series of public consultation through DA-PCAF with major stakeholders, where implementation of <sup>1</sup>DA AC No. 1 of 2017 was discussed, there was a claim from the local stakeholders to have certain provisions amended to facilitate trade and strengthen the regulatory works of the government;

**WHEREAS**, the provisions on Section 3.2.7 and 4.1.1.3 have caused concerns within the local MIPs and existing DA Accredited FMEs as these may potentially cause serious economic consequences and compromise international trade relations;

**WHEREAS**, Department of Health-Food and Drug Administration's (DOH-FDA) capacity to provide HACCP certification for meat products service is fronting challenge for the reason of the organizational hindrances and other manpower technicalities,

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL**, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by the power vested in me, do hereby issue this Circular, thus amending the Section 3.2.7 and 4.1.1.2 of DA AC No. 1 of 2017 to read as follows;

*\*\*\* 3.2.7 India FMEs shall be required to show proof of exportation of IBM to other country upon submission of Annex A and Annex B questionnaires prior to the conduct of the annual surveillance audit by the Philippine DAIM;*

*\*\*\* 4.1.1.3 HACCP certificates (CTC) for products utilizing IBM from government institution or from third party HACCP Service provider accredited by the Department of Trade and Industry – Philippine Accreditation Bureau (DTI-PAB);*



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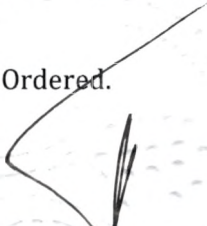
### SEPARATORY CLAUSE

The provisions of this Circular are hereby declared to be separable. In the event one or more of such provisions are held unconstitutional, the validity of the other provisions shall not be affected thereby.

### EFFECTIVITY

This Circular shall take effect 15 days after publication in one (1) newspaper of national circulation or Official Gazette and filing of a copy at the Office of the Administrative Registrar (ONAR) at UP Diliman, Quezon City.

So Ordered.

  
**EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL**  
Secretary



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