

Republic of the Philippines OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY Elliptical Road, Diliman 1100 Quezon City

ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR

No. <u>*O*</u> *Q* Series of 2023

SUBIECT:

DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LOCAL SHIPMENT OF FRESH FROZEN PORK PRODUCTS, UNCOOKED PROCESSED PORK PRODUCTS, AND COOKED PROCESSED MEAT PRODUCTS FROM PINK (BUFFER) ZONE TO YELLOW

(SURVEILLANCE) ZONES

WHEREAS, Section II of the Department of Agriculture Administrative Circular No. 2 s.2022 states that the movement of fresh/frozen pork products sourced from ASF-free countries stored in cold storage warehouses (CSW) in the Pink (Buffer) zones is allowed to move to higher zone colors provided that Public-Private Audit (PPA) must be accomplished by the applicant company;

WHEREAS, the uncooked processed pork products manufactured in Yellow (Surveillance), Light Green (Protected), and Dark Green (Free) zones and stored in CSWs in Pink (Buffer) zones must undergo a Public-Private Audit (PPA);

WHEREAS, the National Zoning and Movement Plan for the Prevention and Control of ASF serves as a guide in the movement of pork related commodities across different defined zones in the country;

WHEREAS, the local movement of fresh frozen pork products, uncooked processed pork products, and cooked processed meat products requires documentary requirements for the prevention and control of African Swine Fever (ASF) in the country;

WHEREAS, there are Local Government Units (LGU), in Yellow zones, which have incorporated in their local ordinances the acceptance pork and pork products coming from Pink zones thru the issuance of a Certificate of Acceptance;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No.11032 or the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018 aims to streamline the current systems and procedures of government services to facilitate prompt actions or resolution of all transactions with efficiency;

NOW THEREFORE, to facilitate the safe transport and distribution of fresh/frozen pork products, uncooked processed pork products, and cooked processed meat from Pink (Buffer) Zone to Yellow (Surveillance) Zone, in accordance with the DA Administrative Circular No. 2, Series of 2022 "Amendment to Department of Agriculture Administrative Circular 12 Series of 2019 Regarding National Zoning and Movement Plan for the Prevention and Control of African Swine Fever", and DA Administrative Order No. 05, Series of 2019 "Guidelines on the Local Transport/Shipment of Animals, Animal Products and By-products", the following requirements are provided for the information and guidance of all concerned:





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1. For Fresh/frozen pork products

- 1.1. National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS) Certificate of Meat Inspection (COMI) for imported pork;
- 1.2. NMIS Meat Inspection Certificate (MIC) if locally sourced;
- 1.3. Certificate of Acceptance issued by the Local Provincial Government of destination as a substitute to the Public-Private Audit (PPA) under Section II of DA Administrative Circular No.2 s. 2022.

2. For Uncooked processed pork products

- 2.1. Certificate of Product Registration (CPR) issued by Food and Drug Administration (FDA);
- 2.2. License to Operate (LTO) issued by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA);
- 2.3. Certificate of Acceptance issued by the Local Provincial Government of destination as a substitute to the Public-Private Audit (PPA) under Section II of DA Administrative Circular No.2 s. 2022.

3. For Cooked processed meat

- 3.1. Certificate of Product Registration (CPR) issued by Food and Drug Administration (FDA);
- 3.2. License to Operate (LTO) issued by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA);
- 3.3. Certificate of Acceptance issued by the Local Provincial Government of destination as a substitute to the Public-Private Audit (PPA) under Section II of DA Administrative Circular No.2 s. 2022.

This Circular shall take effect immediately after its publication and/or posting on the Department's website, and shall remain enforced unless revoked in writing.

All existing orders, circulars, rules, regulations and issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Memorandum Circular are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Done this 14th day of July 2023.

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