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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO.\_\_\_\_\_

## SUBJECT : Importation of Beef Trimmings from Brazil Excluding the Meat from the Head and Neck

Pursuant to Memorandum Order No. 42, series of 2017 dated November 24, 2017, BAI Memorandum Circular No. 24, series of 2017 was issued to provide guidance on the importation of meat from Brazil. In the same issuance, application for SPS Import Clearance of beef trimmings was placed on-hold until the establishment of a clear technical definition.

The definition for beef trimmings has been clarified by Brazil with the Health Certificate agreed on June 4, 2018. As indicated in the attached Health Certificate, beef trimmings to be imported into the Philippines should exclude meat from the head and neck.

With this, all import transaction of beef trimmings from Brazil shall be in accordance with existing rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Industry and National Meat Inspection Service (DA-BAI-NMIS). Further, SPS Import Clearances issued-starting June 4, 2018 is considered valid.

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