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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

No. 25

Series of 2023

SUBJECT : AMENDMENT TO THE BAI MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 6, SERIES OF 2017, "CLARIFICATION ON BAI MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 3, SERIES OF 2017, "REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR EXPORTING PROCESSED MEAT INTO THE PHILIPPINES" AND BAI MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 4, SERIES OF 2017, "SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY IMPORT CLEARANCE NON-COVERAGE"

WHEREAS, Rule 15a.9 (b) of the implementing Rules and Regulation of Republic Act No. 10611 or Food Safety Act of 2013 states that the Department of Health (DOH) through the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is the agency responsible for the monitoring and certification of all processed animal products such as cured ham;

WHEREAS, Article 15.1.23. of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH, previously named OIE) Terrestrial Animal Health Code (TAHC) has indicated the procedures for the inactivation of ASFV includes: curing of the meat with salt and dried for a minimum of six months, and/or, meat should be heat-treated for at least 30 minutes at a minimum of 70C reached throughout the meat;

NOW, THEREFORE, the BAI Memorandum Circular No. 6, Series of 2017 is hereby amended as follows:

The Sanitary and Phytosanitary Import Clearance (SPSIC) shall be required for the importation of the following uncooked/not fully cooked/non-heat treated processed animal products:

- Hog casing and natural casings;
- Frozen uncooked processed meat (marinated);
- Fermented non-heat treated processed meat (sausages).



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However, SPSICs shall NOT be required for all cured processed meat products from DA accredited countries allowed to export meat into the Philippines, and complying with the WOH standards for inactivation of viruses.

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orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Circular are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

This Circular shall be effective upon signing.

For your guidance.

Done this 19th day of May 2023.


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