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MEMORANDUM ORDER

No: 48
Series of 2020

TO: VETERINARY QUARANTINE OFFICERS/INSPECTORS

FROM: DIRECTOR IV

SUBJECT: GUIDANCE IN THE ACCEPTANCE OF SHIPMENTS OF INDIAN BUFFALO MEAT COVERED BY DA MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 54 SERIES OF 2020

DATE: December 1, 2020

The DA Memorandum Order No. 54 s. 2020 – Suspension of the Accreditation of Eleven (11) Foreign Meat Establishments (FMEs) of Indian Buffalo Meat (IBM) in Uttar Pradesh, India, particularly Item 4 stipulates that ***all previously approved SPS Import Clearance which have not yet left India after the issuance of this Order (22 October 2020) are hereby revoked and therefore not advised to sail their shipment.***

Since there were IBM shipments which were already in the port of origin before 22 October 2020 and sailed after this date, the shipments will be accepted by the veterinary quarantine officers/inspectors at the port of entry provided the following conditions have been complied:

1. The bill of lading reflected that the shipment was accepted **on or before 22 October 2020** and sailed on **23 October 2020**. (The Philippines has just officially communicated this Order to the Embassy of India on 23 October 2020).
2. The Quick Response (QR) code embedded in the veterinary health certificates (VHC) must be consistent on what is written in the actual VHC presented by the importer.
3. All documentary requirements are complete upon the arrival at the port of entry.

For strict implementation.

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