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**DEPARTMENT ORDER**
**NO. 05**
Series of 2020

**SUBJECT : INDIVIDUAL ACCREDITATION OF SIX (6) FOREIGN MEAT ESTABLISHMENTS (FMEs) OF CHILE AS EXPORTER OF PORK AND POULTRY MEAT INTO THE PHILIPPINES**

**WHEREAS**, Department of Agriculture Administrative Order No. 16 (DA-AO 16) Series of 2006, otherwise known as the Pre-Border Measures for the Export of Meat and Meat Products to the Philippines provides procedures and guidelines in the accreditation of Foreign Meat Establishments (FME) producing meat and meat products for export to the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, the Bureau of Animal Industry conducted inspection of the animal health services of Chile on February 23 – March 7, 2019 followed by National Meat Inspection Service for the identified pork and poultry meat establishments on September 21 – October 5, 2019;

**WHEREAS**, the Government of Chile has complied with the requirements provided in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World Organisation for Animal Health (***O**ffice **I**nternational des **E**pizooties*-OIE);

**WHEREAS**, Of the eight (8) FMEs inspected/audited by the Department of Agriculture Inspection Mission (DAIM), six (6) establishments were found to be compliant with the Philippine quarantine and meat inspection systems procedures;

**WHEREAS**, after thorough evaluation, the application of four (4) pork establishments and two (2) poultry establishments of **Government of Chile** for the accreditation to export **pork and poultry meat** into the Philippines have been found to be satisfactory;

**WHEREAS**, the Accreditation Review Body (ARB) through Resolution Number 002-2020 recommends the accreditation of the six (6) Foreign Meat Establishments of Chile with the corresponding meat items according to AHTN, as follows:

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| NAME OF FMES | ESTABLISHMENT NUMBER/ CFMEA | FME ADDRESS | MEAT ITEMS WITH CORRESPONDING AHTN CODES |
|---|---|---|---|
| **FRIGORIFICO COMAFRI S.A.** | 06-01 | Avenida Libertador Bernardo O'Higgins 1370, Rancagua Region del L. B. O'Higgins | Animal products; guts, bladders and stomachs of animals (other than fish), whole and pieces thereof, fresh, chilled, frozen (0504.00) |
| **FAENADORA LO MIRANDA LIMITADA** | 06-02 | Carretera H30, N 3814, Lo Miranda, Doñihue, Region del Libertador Gral. Bernardo O'Higgins | Offal, edible; of swine, fresh, chilled or frozen (0206.30)<br><br>Offal, edible; of swine, (other than livers), fresh, chilled or frozen (0206.41) |
| **PROCESADORA DE ALIMENTOS DEL SUR LTDA.** | 06-06 | Route H-50 Km.0,34 Camino a Quinta de Tilcoco Rengo, Region del Libertador Gral. Bernardo O'Higgins | Offal, edible; of swine, (other than livers), fresh, chilled or frozen (0206.49)<br><br>Fat; pig fat, free of lean meat, not rendered or otherwise extracted, fresh, chilled (0209.10) |
| **FAENADORA SAN VICENTE LTDA** | 06-08 | Carretera H-66-G, Km 19.2, San Vicente de Tagua, Region del Libertador Gral. Bernardo O'Higgins | Meat and edible offal; of fowls of the species Gallus domesticus, not cut in pieces, fresh or chilled (0207.11)<br><br>Meat and edible offal; of fowls of the species Gallus domesticus, not cut in pieces, frozen (0207.12)<br><br>Meat and edible offal; of fowls of the species Gallus domesticus, cuts and offal, fresh or chilled (0207.13)<br><br>Meat and edible offal; of fowls of the species Gallus domesticus, cuts and offal, frozen (0207.14) |

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| NAME OF FMES | ESTABLISHMENT NUMBER/ CFMEA | FME ADDRESS | MEAT ITEMS WITH CORRESPONDING AHTN CODES |
|---|---|---|---|
| **SOPRAVAL S.A.** | 05-09 | Panamericana Norte Km. 112, La Calera, Region de Valparaiso, Chile | Meat and edible offal; of turkeys, not cut in pieces, fresh or chilled (0207.24)<br><br>Meat and edible offal; of turkeys, not cut in pieces, frozen (0207.25)<br><br>Meat and edible offal; of turkeys, cuts and offal, frozen (0207.27) |
| **FAENADORA LAS PATAGUAS, COMERCIAL MAXAGRO S.A.** | 06-17 | Ruta H-886 Km. 2, Pichidegua, Regionale Libertador Bernardo O'Higgins | Meat of swine; carcasses and half-carcasses, fresh, chilled or frozen (0203.00) |

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. DAR**, Secretary of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby issue this Order of Individual Accreditation to the following six (6) Foreign Meat Establishments (FMEs) in Chile to export pork and poultry Meat in to the Philippines for three (3) years effective April 2, 2020 until April 2, 2023 with full compliance to existing regulations and conditions provided in Philippine meat importation guidelines and other relevant laws.

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

Done this 4 day of May 2020.

So Ordered.

**WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.**
Secretary

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Annex 1

## ARTICLE I
## SCOPE AND DEFINITION OF TERMS AND ACRONYMS

**Section 1. SCOPE** – This Order shall govern the importation of **pork and poultry** meat from the **Government of Chile.**

**Section 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS** – ***For the purpose of this Order***, the following terms, words, and phrases ***herein used*** shall be construed to mean as follows:

a. **Animal production food safety** shall cover the programs for the control of biological hazards of animal health and public health importance through ante- and post- mortem inspection.
b. **Animal traceability** shall cover animal identification and traceability for the purpose of management of disease outbreaks and food safety incidents, vaccination programs, zoning and compartmentalization, surveillance, early response and notification systems, animal movement controls, inspection and certification procedures.
c. **Animal welfare** shall cover practices in humane handling of animal during transport, slaughter of animals for food, and the killing of animals for disease control.
d. **Antimicrobial resistance** covers the surveillance and monitoring programs, taking into considerations the responsible use of antimicrobials in terms of quantities in animal husbandry and veterinary medicine.
e. **Competent Authority (CA)** means the Veterinary Authority or other Governmental Authority of a Member Country having the responsibility and competence for ensuring or supervising the implementation of animal health and welfare measures, international veterinary certification and other standards and recommendations in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE).
f. **Diagnostic test for specific diseases** shall cover specific diagnostic tests adopted as recommended by the Code.
g. **Disease Surveillance** covers the established surveillance systems for animal diseases to determine the animal health status of the country, providing information on declaration of freedom from a disease/pathogen in relation to the date of most recent occurrence, and for recognizing historical freedom.
h. **Equivalence** covers the recognition of significantly different animal health and production systems that can provide equivalent protection for the purpose of international trade.

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i. **Import/ Export procedures** as provided in section 1.4 of the Terrestrial Code covers the animal health measures applicable before, at departure from the exporting country, in transit and upon arrival to the importing country, covering animal identification, border and quarantine stations, and containment of pathogens during transport. This shall also cover the import requirements provided in the DA-Administrative Order No. 16 series of 2006, otherwise known as the Pre-Border Measures for the Export of Meat and Meat Products to the Philippines.

j. **Import risk analysis** shall cover hazard identification, risk assessment, risk management and risk communication and guidelines for conducting risk analyses.

k. **Notification and epidemiological information** provides the obligation of the exporting country as the OIE member country to make available whatever information is necessary to minimize the international spread of important animal diseases.

l. **Obligations and ethics in international trade** cover the responsibilities of the exporting country to make available up-to-date health information, export regulations and providing accurate health certification.

m. **Zoning and compartmentalization. Zoning** as provided by the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code shall cover animal sub-population defined on a geographical basis with reference to natural, artificial or legal boundaries, while **compartmentalization** applies to animal sub-population defined by management practices related to biosecurity. Information on the established management of both shall be provided such as veterinary services.

**Section 3. CONDITIONS TO MAINTAIN ACCREDITATION OF FOREIGN MEAT ESTABLISHMENTS**

3.1 The following documents and/or information must be updated and submitted by the CA of the **Government of Chile** to the Philippine Department of Agriculture not later than January 31 of the following year.

3.1.1 The Animal Health Status as provided and issued in conformance to the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the OIE. This shall include updated information on :

a. Notification and epidemiological information
b. Obligations and ethics in international trade
c. Import risk analysis

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d. Equivalence
e. Import/ Export procedures
f. Zoning and compartmentalization
g. Diagnostic test for specific diseases
h. Inactivation of pathogens and vectors
i. Animal welfare
j. Disease surveillance
k. Animal production food safety
l. Animal traceability
m. Antimicrobial resistance

3.1.2 The official Annual report of the CA of the **Government of Chile** on Monitoring Program for Veterinary Drug Residue (VDR).

3.1.3 The official Annual report of the CA of the **Government of Chile** on Monitoring Program for Pathogens and/or pathogen reduction.

3.2 Animal Health Status and Disease Freedom

3.2.1 The CA of the **Government of Chile** shall submit a copy to the DA of its animal health status annual report, residue of veterinary drugs monitoring report and other food safety concerns to include product recalls and advisories.

3.3 Meat establishment requirements

3.3.1 The meat establishment must be listed as duly registered meat establishment authorized by the **Government of Chile** through their CA to export **pork and poultry** meat into the Philippines.

3.3.2 The meat establishment must maintain eligibility to the above mentioned registry with reference to government sanitary and veterinary inspection, GMP/SSOP and HACCP certification, subject to verification audit of the Philippine Department of Agriculture Inspection Mission (DAIM) any time within the validity period, without incurring any critical or serious non-conformance/s in which such condition or practice prevents proper plant sanitation, may result in the production of unwholesome product, presents a threat to health and safety of consumers, and compromises general food safety.

3.3.3 The meat establishment must make available all pertinent documents necessary in the conduct of audits by the DAIM pertaining but not limited to operational concerns on safety of water and ice, condition and cleanliness of

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food contact surfaces; prevention of cross contamination; hand washing and sanitizing and toilet facilities, protection of food, packaging and food contact surfaces from adulteration with contaminants; labelling and storage/ and use of toxic compounds; employees health conditions; exclusion of pests from the ME; calibration of measuring tools; equipment and other structural facilities.

3.4 Export requirements

3.4.1 The meat for export must be derived from healthy animals and slaughtered, fabricated, processed in the meat establishments as provided in the provisions of 3.3.1, and inspected and passed for export by the official veterinarian of the CA of the exporting country.

3.4.2 The source of meat for export shall be from animals born and raised in **Chile.**

3.4.3 The meat must not be contaminated by infectious and zoonotic diseases and not exceed the acceptable level set by the Philippine standards and/ or international standards

3.4.4 The meat for export must not contain residues of antibiotics, pesticides, hormones, heavy metals, radioactivity and similar substances that may pose public health and environmental hazards.

3.4.5 The meat for export must bear the official inspection mark on the primary, secondary, and/or shipper packaging showing proof that the meat has been certified inspected and passed by the CA in compliance to the national food regulation of the exporting country. The meat shall be packed in plastic packs and cartons printed with the date of slaughter, batch number and other information as prescribed in Section VII of DA AO No. 26, s.2005, and DA AO No. 24, s.2010.

3.4.6 The label:

3.4.6.1 shall be in the form of stamp or stick-on the immediate container (if it is plastic lined) and also on the outer portion of the box;

3.4.6.2 shall be rectangular in shape with the dimension of 3 inches width by 5 inches length (3x5);

3.4.6.3 shall be printed in **BOLD** letters and with a font size of #18;

3.4.6.4 shall not be easily defaceable by any solution;

3.4.6.5 shall be written in English or Filipino.

3.4.7 The packaging must meet the minimum labelling requirements as follows:

3.4.7.1 Cartons or the outermost shipper's package shall be stamped with **"FOR EXPORT TO THE PHILIPPINES";**

3.4.7.2 Registered trade name of the exporter or brand name of the product;

3.4.7.3 Business name and address of exporter;

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3.4.7.4 Meat establishment/slaughtering facility name, number and address;
3.4.7.5 Country of origin;
3.4.7.6 Lot identification;
3.4.7.7 Product description and list of ingredients;
3.4.7.8 Net quantity of contents, in terms of weight, measure or numerical count rounded to the nearest tenths (expressed in METRIC SYSTEM);
3.4.7.9 Date of manufacture and packaging;
3.4.7.10 Date of minimum durability ("best before") or expiration date;
3.4.7.11 Handling and storage instructions.

3.4.8 The meat must be transported, ensuring the wholesomeness and condition of the products, by eliminating possibility of/or entry/ introduction of contaminants and pests, and ensuring maintenance of product temperature requirement, eliminating thermal abuse. Sealed refrigerated/ freezer shipping containers must have passed the sanitary inspection and certified by the CA for loading.

3.4.9 The CA of the exporting country must issue and submit an English version of the export health/veterinary certificate of wholesomeness to the Philippine National Veterinary Quarantine Service (NVQS) with the following information:

a. Name of meat, type and number of packages/box, weight in total and standard weight per package/box if any, lot number
b. Date of slaughter and use-by-date
c. Name, address and establishment number
d. Container number and seal number attached to the container
e. Addresses and name of consignor and consignee
f. Date of issuance of the health/ veterinary certificate
g. Name, title and signature of authorized certifier, and his/her office

3.4.10 Prior to ship out from **ports of Chile**, the CA shall send electronic copies of the approved export health/veterinary certificates of wholesomeness to *baiquarantineph@gmail.com* addressed to the Philippine Chief Veterinary Officer of the Bureau of Animal Industry.

3.4.11 The meat to be exported shall arrive in the Philippine port not later than six months from the production date as shown in the label, Bill of Lading/Airway Bill, and International Veterinary Certificate.

3.4.12 All importations shall require SPS import clearance and subject to applicable Philippine laws, rules and regulations; as such, this Order shall not automatically guarantee that **pork and poultry** meat is allowed entry into the Philippines.

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3.4.13 This Order shall be governed by the provisions set in the following rules and regulations but not limited to: Republic Act No. 9296, "The Meat Inspection Code of the Philippines" and its Implementing Rules and Regulations; Republic Act No. 10536 for the Amendment to the Republic Act No. 9296; Administrative Order No. 16, Series of 2006 for "Pre –Border Measures for the Export of Meat and Meat Products to the Philippines; Administrative Order No. 26, Series of 2005 for "Revised Rules, Regulations, and Standards Governing the Importation of Meat and Meat Products into the Philippines" and Administrative Order 09, Series of 2013 for "Supplemental Guidelines to DA-AO No. 26 of 2005, Section III: Accreditation Procedure for Meat Importers".

**Section 4. SUSPENSION CLAUSE**

4.1 In case/ cases of non-compliance with the requirements and conditions of this Order, and/ or any non-conformance in the pre-border and border technical requirements of any shipment entering the Philippines, the Department of Agriculture through the Office of the Secretary reserves the right to suspend and/or refuse acceptance of any importation/imports of the meat and meat products.

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