



DEPARTMENT ORDER

NO. 23

Series of 2024

SUBJECT : INDIVIDUAL ACCREDITATION OF THIRTY-FOUR (34) FOREIGN MEAT ESTABLISHMENTS (FMEs) OF INDIA AS EXPORTER OF FROZEN INDIAN BUFFALO MEAT (IBM) INTO THE PHILIPPINES UNDER AHTN CODE 0202.30.00

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture (DA) Administrative Order (AO) No. 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 (FMEs) producing meat and meat products for export into the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Chapter 8.8 of Terrestrial Animal Health Code (TAHC) of the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) provides animal health requirements and mitigation measures, particularly on Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD);

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture Administrative Circular No. 12 (DA-AC 12) Series of 2015 or the Updated Rules and Regulations Governing the Allocation, Importation, and Utilization of Fresh Frozen Buffalo Meat from India, as amended by DA AC 1 Series of 2017 and DA AC 6 Series of 2018, further provides pre-border measures specific for Indian Buffalo Meat (IBM);

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture Inspection Mission (DAIM) team conducted a verification audit to assess the compliance of India to animal health and food safety requirements. The Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) covered the animal health requirements in seven (7) states which include Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Maharashtra, Telangana and Bihar, while the National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS) verified the compliance of thirty-four (34) Foreign Meat Establishments (FMEs) to Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP), Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP), and National Food Control System (NFCS), wherein twenty-eight (28) FMEs are for new individual FME accreditation and the six (6) FMEs were for revalidation;

WHEREAS, after thorough evaluation, the Accreditation Review Body (ARB) **recommended the individual accreditation of the thirty-four (34) FMEs** to export frozen Indian Buffalo Meat (IBM), that has been deboned and deglanded, under the **2022 Asean Harmonized Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) Code of 02.30.00¹** having satisfactorily complied with food safety requirements (NFCS, GMP and HACCP), **with conditions on the thirteen (13) FMEs located in Maharashtra, Telangana and Bihar;**

¹ excluding the head, pharynx, tongue and associated lymph nodes (WOAH TAHC Chapter 8.8)

WHEREAS, during animal health verification audit, Indian states of Maharashtra, Telangana, and Bihar failed to meet the required standard due to non-compliances and shall result in the issuance of a temporary ban of Indian Buffalo Meat (IBM) originating from these states;

WHEREAS, due to non-compliance with animal health requirements, the following thirteen (13) FMEs located in Maharashtra, Telangana and Bihar shall not be allowed to trade IBM into the Philippines until such time that the FMD disease status is cleared by the National Competent Authority (NCA) of India, subject to the verification audit of BAI on animal health in 2025, and subsequent lifting of the ban by the DA-Office of the Secretary:

NO.	FME NAME	FME NO.	FME ADDRESS	TYPE OF APPLICATION
1	M/S ABZ Agro Foods Limited	APEDA 225	Plot No.826, Raypur, Village, Pothia Block, Kishanganj, Bihar--855107, India	NEW
2	Maharba Frozen Foods	APEDA 200	Khasra No. 230 Gogi Pothia NH-57 Simraha Forbesganj District Araria, Bihar- 854318, India	NEW
3	Indagro Foods Private Limited	APEDA 234	Rangamani, Dasiyatoli, Laliha Chowk, Block Bahadurganj, District Kishanganj-855101, Bihar, India	NEW
4	Al Sameer Exports Pvt. Ltd.	APEDA 170	Village Gogi Pothia, Thana Simraha, Forbesganj, District Araria, State of Bihar, India	NEW

5	Mash Agro Foods Ltd.	APEDA 212	Thana No 120, Chilamari, Pothia, Kishanganj, Bihar, India- 855117	NEW
6	Al-Quresh (Aurangabad City) Modern Abattoir, Private Limited	APEDA 239	Gat No. 66, Padegaon, Aurangabad City- 431001, Maharashtra, India	NEW
7	M/S Frigorifico Allana Private, Limited	APEDA 23	Gevrai, Village, Paithan Road, Aurangabad, 431105, Maharashtra, India	REVALIDATION (DO 12 s. 2020)
8	M/S Reliable Agro Foods	APEDA 166	Gat No. 160-161, Kanadkhed, Tal-Purna, Dist. Paarbhani, Aurangabad, Maharashtra- 431511, India	NEW
9	M/S Al-Quresh Exports	APEDA 71	Gat No.67, Mulegaon Tanda NH 9, Solapur, Maharashtra, India	REVALIDATION (DO 12 s. 2020)
10	M/S Maharashtra Foods Processing and Cold Storage	APEDA 190	21/2B, Algudewadi Ganesh Nagar, Taj, Phaltan, Dist.Satara, Maharashtra- 415523, India	NEW
11	M/S Fair Export India Pvt. Ltd	APEDA 183	Road Daregaon, Taluka Malegaon, District-Nashik, Maharashtra, 423203, India	REVALIDATION (DO 12 s. 2020)

12	M/S Frigerio Conserva Allana Private Limited	APEDA 21	Survey No. 325, Ida, Algole Road, Zaheerabad, Zaheerabad, Telangana-502220, India	REVALIDATION (DO 12 s. 2020)
13	M/S Al Kabeer Exports Pvt. Ltd.	APEDA 16	Village Rudraram, Patancheru Mandal, Sangareddy, Hyderabad, Telangana-502329, India	REVALIDATION (DO 12 s. 2020)

WHEREAS, the twenty-one (21) FMEs located in the states of Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Andhra Pradesh, and Haryana that were found compliant with the requirements for both animal health and food safety shall be allowed to export IBM under the 2022 AHTN Code of 0202.30.00¹ with the description of frozen, boneless, meat of bovine animals (and deglanded) into the Philippines and shall commence upon the effectivity of this Department Order:

NO.	FME NAME	FME NO.	FME ADDRESS	TYPE OF APPLICATION
1	M/S Frigerio Conserva Allana Pvt Ltd. (Unit 1)	APEDA 121	Plot #14/1, Village Talaspur Khurd, Tehsil: Koil, Dist., Aligarh - 202001, Uttar Pradesh, India	NEW
2	M/S HMA Food Export Private Limited	APEDA 61	Plot No. 293 -295-& 297 Village, Kuberpur, Tehsil: Etmadpur, Agra, Uttar Pradesh, India	NEW
3	M/S Al-Hamd Agro Food Products Pvt. Ltd.	APEDA 66	Udla, Ilyaspur, G.T. Road, Sarsol Aligarh 202001, Uttar Pradesh, India	NEW

¹ excluding the head, pharynx, tongue and associated lymph nodes (WOAH TAHC Chapter 8.8)

4	M/S Al Ammar Frozen Foods Exports Pvt. Ltd.	APEDA 197	Village Amarpur Kondla, Tehsil Koil, District Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh-202001, India	NEW
5	Al-Dua Food Processing Pvt. Ltd.	APEDA 140	Village Amarpur Kondla, Tehsil-Cole, Mathura Bypass Road, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh-202001, India	NEW
6	Mirha Exports Pvt. Ltd.	APEDA 125	Ranimajra Road, Lalru, Village Jaulakhurd Tehsil Derabassi, SAS Nagar, Mohali, Punjab-14050, India	NEW
7	M/S India Frozen Foods Pvt. Ltd.	APEDA 108	Village-Begumpur, Chinyawali Moradabad Road, Sambhal, Uttar Pradesh, India	NEW
8	M/S Fair Exports (India) Pvt. Ltd.	APEDA 68	Village Ahmad Nagar Pahari, Tehsil Sadar, Rampur, Uttar Pradesh, India	NEW
9	M/S Rayban Foods Pvt.	APEDA 146	Rampur Marg, Bulandshahar Road, Hapur Uttar Pradesh, India	NEW
10	M/S International Agro Foods	APEDA 180	Plot No. 2764, 2765, 2766, Bhoorgarhi, Dasna, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, India	NEW
11	M/S Al Nasir Exports Pvt. Ltd.	APEDA 161	2761, Bhoorgarhi, Dasna, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, India	NEW

¹ excluding the head, pharynx, tongue and associated lymph nodes (WOAH TAHC Chapter 8.8)

12	M/S AOV Exports Private Ltd.	APEDA 133	D-1 & D-2, UPSIDC Site-1, Unnao, Uttar Pradesh, India	NEW
13	M/S Mash Agro Foods Ltd.	APEDA 150	Village Bichpari, Tehsil Hasanganj, Pargana, Ajpgain, Unnao, Uttar Pradesh, India	NEW
14	M/S Al-Super Frozen Foods Pvt. Ltd.	APEDA 201	D6-10 UPSIDC, Industrial Area, Dahi Chowki, Unnao, Uttar Pradesh, India	NEW
15	M/S Rustam Foods Pvt. Ltd.	APEDA 132	E-28, Site 1, UPSIDC Industrial Area, Unnao, Uttar Pradesh, India	NEW
16	M/S Indagro Foods Pvt. Ltd.	APEDA 36	B 1-5, Site-II, UPSIDC Industrial Area, Unnao, Uttar Pradesh, India	NEW
17	M/S Agricom Foods Pvt. Ltd.	APEDA 67	B-32 to B-47, Leather Technology Park, UPSIDC Industrial Area, Banthar, Unnao, Uttar Pradesh, India	NEW
18	M/S Vizag Foods Pvt. Ltd.	APEDA 187	Modern Abattoir Complex, Survey No 162, Paradesipalem, Visakhapatnam, Andra Pradesh-530048, India	REVALIDATION (DO 12 s. 2020)
19	M/S Fair Exports India Pvt. Ltd.	APEDA 42	1310/6,7,9,11, Kursi- Agasan Road Kursi, Barabanki, Uttar Pradesh-225302, India	NEW

¹ excluding the head, pharynx, tongue and associated lymph nodes (WOAH TAHIC Chapter 8.8)

20	Standard Frozen Foods Exports Pvt. Ltd.	APEDA 199	Near E-20, Site-1, Industrial Area, Unnao-209801, Uttar Pradesh, India	NEW
21	United Farm Product Pvt. Ltd.	APEDA 238	Plot No. 17-24, 125-127, 129, 378 and 379, Village: Ghata Shamshabad, Firozpur Jhirka, Mewat, Ferozpur Jhirka, Mewat, Haryana-122104, India	NEW


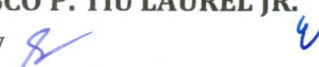
¹ excluding the head, pharynx, tongue and associated lymph nodes (WOAH TAHC Chapter 8.8)

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL JR, Secretary of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby issue this Order of Individual Accreditation to the above-mentioned **thirty-four (34)** FMEs in **India** to export **Frozen Indian Buffalo Meat (IBM)** into the Philippines for **three (3) years** effective **December 12, 2024**, until **December 12, 2027**, with full compliance to existing regulations and conditions provided in this Department Order and its Annex hereby set forth.

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 12th day of DEC. 2024.

So Ordered.


FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL JR.
 Secretary 



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IMPORT TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR IMPORTED MEAT

Rev. No: 01/ February 2024

ARTICLE I SCOPE AND DEFINITION OF TERMS AND ACRONYMS

Section 1. SCOPE – This Order shall govern the importation of **Indian Buffalo Meat (IBM)** products from **India**.

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 animals 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 and/or supervising the implementation of animal and public health, animal welfare measures, international veterinary certification, food safety, in accordance to national regulations and international standards such as the guidelines in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code (TAHC) of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), and CODEX Alimentarius.
- f. **Diagnostic tests for specific diseases** shall cover specific diagnostic tests adopted as recommended by the TAHC.
- 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 food safety systems that can provide equivalent protection for the purpose of international trade.
- i. **Import/ Export procedures** as provided in the WOAHA TAHC cover 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 analysis.
- k. **Notification and epidemiological information** provide the obligation of the exporting country as the member country of the WOAHA 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 provide accurate health certification.
- m. **Zoning and compartmentalization. Zoning** as provided by the WOAHA TAHC 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 (FMEs)

3.1 Animal Health Status and Disease Freedom

- 3.1.1 The CA of the exporting country shall be transparent and submit annual reports on animal health status, veterinary drug residue monitoring and other food safety concerns that includes product recalls and advisories, to the Department of Agriculture (DA). The annual report shall be submitted at the end of each fiscal year.

3.2 FME requirements

- 3.2.1 The FME shall be a registered or licensed meat establishment of the CA, authorized to export frozen Indian buffalo meat that has been deboned and deglanded and in which prior to deboning, has been submitted to maturation at a temperature greater than + 2°C for a minimum period of 24 hours following slaughter and in which the pH value was less than 6.0 when tested in the middle of both the longissimus dorsi muscle, in accordance with the recommendations of WOAHA TAHC in Article 8.8.24, and that shall have established monitoring and verification system for these recommended procedures.
- 3.2.2 The FME shall maintain eligibility to the above-mentioned registry with reference to government sanitary and veterinary inspection, Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)/Sanitation Standard Operating Procedures (SSOP), and Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) certification, subject to verification audit of the Philippine Department of Agriculture Inspection Mission (DAIM) annually within the 3 years validity period, and should not incur critical or serious non-conformances in which such practice affects the sanitation of the plant and its facility that will result to the production of unwholesome product which pose threat to human health and safety and compromise general food safety.
- 3.2.3 The FME shall 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 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; labeling and storage/ and use of toxic compounds; employees health conditions; exclusion of pests from the FME; calibration of measuring tools; equipment and other structural facilities.

3.3 Export requirements

- 3.3.1 The meat for export shall be derived from healthy animals and slaughtered, fabricated, processed in the FME as provided in the provisions of 3.2.1, and inspected and passed for export by the official veterinarian of the CA of the exporting country.
- 3.3.2 The source of meat for export shall be from animals born and raised in India or from a country/zone accredited by the Philippines to export meat into the Philippines.
- 3.3.3 For WOAHA recognized countries free from Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) where vaccination is practiced, all bovine meat commodities shall be allowed for export except the head, including the pharynx, tongue and associated lymph nodes (WOAHA Terrestrial Animal Health Code Article 8.8.21).

- 3.3.4 The meat and its packaging materials shall not be contaminated by infectious and/or zoonotic diseases and microbiological hazards shall not exceed the acceptable levels set by the Philippine standards and/or international standards.
- 3.3.5 The meat for export shall not contain residues of antibiotics, pesticides, hormones, heavy metals, radioactivity, and similar substances that may pose an animal, public health, and environmental hazard.
- 3.3.6 The meat for export shall 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 with the national food regulation of the exporting country. The meat shall be packed in plastic packs and/or cartons printed with the date of packaging/production/slaughter, batch number, and other information as prescribed in Section VII of DA AO No. 26 s. 2005, DA AO No. 24 s.2010, and Philippine National Standard (PNS)/BAFS Prepackaged Fresh Chilled and Frozen - Product Standard - Labeling (<https://bafs.da.gov.ph/pns.php>).
- 3.3.7 The label:
- 3.3.7.1 shall be in the form of a stamp or stick-on at the immediate container (if it is plastic lined) and also on the outer portion of the box;
- 3.3.7.2 shall be rectangular in shape with the dimension of 3 inches width by 5 inches length (3x5);
- 3.3.7.3 shall be printed in BOLD letters and with a font size of #18;
- 3.3.7.4 shall not be easily defaceable by any solution;
- 3.3.7.5 shall be written in English or Filipino.
- 3.3.7.6 The packaging shall meet the minimum labeling requirements prescribed by the Philippine National Standard (PNS)/BAFS Prepackaged Fresh Chilled and Frozen - Product Standard - Labeling (<https://bafs.da.gov.ph/pns.php>) and as follows:
- 3.4.6.6.a Cartons or the outermost shipper's package shall be stamped with **"FOR EXPORT TO THE PHILIPPINES"**;
- 3.4.6.6.b. Registered trade name of the exporter or brand name of the product;
- 3.4.6.6.c. Business name and address of exporter;
- 3.4.6.6.d Meat establishment/slaughtering facility name, number, and address;
- 3.4.6.6.e Country of origin;
- 3.4.6.6.f. Lot identification code;
- 3.4.6.6.g Product description;
- 3.4.6.6.h Net quantity of contents, in terms of weight, measure or numerical count rounded to the nearest tenths (expressed in METRIC SYSTEM);
- 3.4.6.6.i Date of packaging/production;
- 3.4.6.6.j Best before date or best quality before date;
- 3.4.6.6.k Storage instructions.
- 3.3.8 The meat shall be transported in such a manner that the required product temperature is maintained, free from contaminants and pests to ensure

wholesomeness of product. Sealed refrigerated/ freezer shipping containers must have passed the sanitary inspection and certified by the CA for loading to export.


- 3.3.9 The CA shall provide necessary updates and get clearance of the international veterinary certificates (its terms, declarations and conditions), from the Philippine Competent Veterinary Officer of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) first before the onset of trade, and whenever there are changes or amendments to the said certificates.
- 3.3.10 The International Veterinary Certificate to be issued by the CA, shall be guided by the certification procedures provided in the WOAHA TAHC, and should be written in English, with the following details of the dispatched consignment (includes names and address) duly certified and signed by the official veterinarian (includes printed name, title and signature):
- a. veterinary authority;
 - b. certificate reference number and date issued;
 - c. consignor;
 - d. consignee;
 - e. country of origin (zone/compartment of origin);
 - f. country of destination;
 - g. place of origin, meat establishment and establishment number;
 - h. place of shipment;
 - i. date of departure;
 - j. means of transport;
 - k. description of commodity and commodity (HS) code;
 - l. total quantity and total number of packages;
 - m. net weight;
 - n. temperature of product;
 - o. identification of container and/or seal number;
 - p. commodities intended use; and
 - q. lot identification/date code.
- 3.3.11 The CA shall regularly provide the list of names and specimen signatures of the official veterinarians issuing the international veterinary certificates to the BAI.
- 3.3.12 All importations shall require Sanitary Phytosanitary Import Clearance (SPSIC) prior to export to the Philippines, and shall be subject to applicable Philippine laws, rules and regulations. As such, this Order shall not automatically guarantee that **frozen IBM products** will be allowed to enter into the Philippines.
- 3.3.13 This Order shall be governed by the provisions set in the existing rules and regulations of the Philippines, such as but not limited to the following:
- a. Republic Act (RA) No. 9296 as amended by RA No. 10536, "The Meat Inspection Code of the Philippines", and its Implementing Rules and Regulations;
 - b. RA No. 10611, "Food Safety Act of 2013", and its Implementing Rules and Regulations;

- c. DA Administrative Order (AO) No. 16, Series of 2006 for “Pre-Border Measures for the Export of Meat and Meat Products to the Philippines”;
- d. DA AO No. 26, Series of 2005 for “Revised Rules, Regulations, and Standards Governing the Importation of Meat and Meat Products into the Philippines”;
- e. Department of Agriculture Administrative Circular No. 12 (DA-AC 12) Series of 2015 or the Updated Rules and Regulations Governing the Allocation, Importation and Utilization, amended by DA AC 1 Series of 2017 and DA AC 6 Series of 2018,
- f. DA Administrative Order No. 16, Series of 2021 for “Licensing Procedures for Meat Importer, Revising the Department of Agriculture Administrative Order No. 09, Series of 2013 Entitled Supplemental Guidelines to DA-AO No. 26 of 2005, Section III: Accreditation Procedure for Meat Importers” and;
- g. DA AC No. 6, Series of 2022 for “Revised Rules and Regulations Governing the Importation of Agricultural and Fish and Fishery / Aquatic Products; Animal Feeds, Feed Ingredients and Feed Additives; and, Fertilizers, Pesticides and Other Agricultural Chemical Products into the Philippines.

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.

So Ordered.


FRANCISCO P. TIUA LAUREL JR.
Secretary 