

**[ DA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2, s. 1998,  
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**REVISED IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES ON THE IMPORTATION  
OF BUFFALO MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS FROM INDIA**

Pursuant to Department of Agriculture Administrative Orders No. 19, series of 1993, and No. 5, series of 1998, which provide for the importation of fresh frozen meat and meat products from the slaughterhouse/plant of ALLANASONS LTD., of Aurangabad, State of Maharashtra, and HIND AGRO INDUSTRIES LTD., of Aligarh, State of Uttar Pradesh, India and Sections 18 and 48 (4) of Chapters 4 and 6, respectively of Title IV, Book IV of Executive Order No. 292, otherwise known as the Administrative Code of 1987, the following guidelines are hereby prescribed for the guidance of all concerned:

**ARTICLE I**

**Veterinary Requirements at the Country of Origin**

**SECTION 1. SOURCE OF BUFFALOES.** — Fresh frozen meat and meat products shall come from buffaloes that:

- a) originated from Rinderpest free zones and where the disease has not been present for at least three (3) years;
- b) originated from farms/feedlots in which there has been no outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease in the premises within a radius of 25 kms. for 60 days;
- c) have remained in a region, for at least three (3) months before slaughter, where regular vaccination against FMD and official controls are in operation; and
- d) have been vaccinated for FMD at least twice with the last vaccination not more than twelve months and not less than one month prior to slaughter.

**SECTION 2. TRANSPORT OF BUFFALOES** — The buffaloes shall be transported directly from within the Aurangabad and Aligarh region to the approved/accredited slaughterhouse and were conveyed in a means of transport which has been cleaned and disinfected before loading.

**SECTION 3. PRE-SLAUGHTER CONDITIONS** — The buffaloes shall be slaughtered as soon as possible and not later than 72 hours, after their arrival in the approved slaughterhouse which conforms to international standard, and be subjected to ante-mortem inspection should be carried out within 24-48 hours of arrival in the slaughterhouse and repeated if animals were not slaughtered within 48 hours. The ante-mortem inspection shall include examination for clinical evidence of FMD and where appropriate a detailed examination of feet and mouth. The ration for buffaloes in the holding pen shall come from certified FMD-free areas.