

**[ DOA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 3, s. 1993,  
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**REVISED GUIDELINES FOR THE FEEDER CATTLE IMPOSITION BY  
THE PRIVATE SECTOR**

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture, after a thorough review and evaluation of the cattle industry, recognizes the urgent need to rebuild the cattle population of the entire country;

WHEREAS, this is shown by the negative average annual growth rate of 1.1% of the national herd population for the period from 1980-1991. Further that this is evidenced by the dearth in the supply of feeder cattle and by the uncontrolled slaughter of animals which are still fit for breeding;

WHEREAS, allowing the importation of live cattle for fattening by the private sector will fill up the short supply of feeder cattle as a temporary expedient;

WHEREAS, in addition to feeder cattle, the continued introduction of breeding females from non-domestic sources is also encouraged to replenish/augment the local breeder base;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERTO S. SEBASTIAN, Secretary of Agriculture, do hereby issue the following set of guidelines in order to effect a rational, equitable and sound implementation of the cattle importation program:

**SECTION 1. Qualified Importers —**

1. Those with established feedlots complete with facilities for handling the animals including catching corral, holding pens, livestock scales, feeding equipment, etc.
2. Bonafide cattle ranchers, and small holder farmers/backyard raisers who may organize themselves into a consortium/cooperative and are capable of financing the importation;
3. Each applicant must show proof of technical and financial capability to underwrite each intended importation.
4. In case of livestock traders/brokers who apply for a permit, their respective contract growers shall still be subject to the requirements for individual importers.
5. Qualified applicant must submit their one year feeder stock import requirements, distributed by months within the year, to the LDC. The LDC shall then endorse their periodic requirements to the BAI.
6. Permit to import shall be processed by LDC and BAI at least 3 months prior to