

[BAI MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 21, October 07, 2010]

LIFTING THE TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM CATTLE FROM SPAIN

WHEREAS, Spain has been recognized as having a controlled Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) risk according to Resolution No. 18 during the 78th General Session of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) last May 2010;

WHEREAS, recent international guidelines set out by the OIE Animal Health Code provides for conditions under which all beef and beef products from animals of all ages maybe safely traded;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PROCESO J. ALCALA , Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby lift the temporary ban on the importation of meat and meat products derived from cattle from Spain thereby allowing the importation of the abovementioned products subject to the following conditions which shall be certified by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food of Spain:

1. Boneless and bone-in beef can be sourced from cattle of all ages devoid of any nerves and other BSE-specified risk materials (SRM) shall be imported.
2. The beef, whether boneless or bone-in should come only from healthy ambulatory and not downer cattled.
3. The slaughter date of the cattle or the production date of the beef shall be included in the packaging label.

All shipments into the country of beef originating from Spain not complying with these conditions shall be confiscated by DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major sea/airports.

All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

This ORDER shall take effect immediately.

(SGD.) PROCESO J. ALCALA
Secretary
