

**[ NMIC ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20, S. 2004,  
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**GUIDELINES ON CONTRACT PROCESSING**

Whereas, Contract Processing or CP is now a common practice in the meat industry for operational convenience and cost efficiency purposes;

Whereas, there is a need of ensuring compliance to quality and safety of meat and meat products;

Whereas, traceability of meat and meat products is necessary to identify specified control system;

Now, Therefore, I, Arthur C. Yap, Secretary of Agriculture, do hereby issue this Order requiring the National Meat Inspection Commission to ensure the quality and safety of meat and meat products on Contract Processing and shall provide guidelines for traceability.

*SECTION 1. Scope of Coverage*

This Order shall cover all DA-NMIC Meat Establishment and/or Contract Processors engaged in but not limited to slaughtering/dressing, fabrication/cutting up, processing, packing and storing.

*SECTION 2. Definition of Terms*

1. Accreditation - the approval of Meat Establishments upon compliance to facilities and operational standards by the National Meat Inspection Commission to slaughter/dress food animals and/or fabricate/cut up, process, pack and store quality and safe meat and meat products whether for domestic or international use.
2. Contract Processing or "CP" - is an agreement or arrangement entered into between Contract Processor and Company to slaughter/dress food animals and/or fabricate/cut up, process, pack and store quality and safe meat for public consumption.
3. Company or 1<sup>st</sup> Party - refers to any person, entity, corporation or partnership that seek or request the services of a Contract Processor to slaughter/dress food animals and/or fabricate/cut up, process, pack and store meat and meat products.
4. Controlling Authority - refers to the National Meat Inspection Commission.
5. Fabrication/Cutting Up - any means of cutting and/or altering the physical characteristics of carcass or meat into standard table/manufacturing cut but not its chemical composition for the purpose of satisfying customer's specifications and/or