

**[ DA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 32, December 13, 2004 ]**

**ACCREDITATION GUIDELINES FOR THE FOOD LANE PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the DA is committed to pursue agricultural modernization as a strategy for accelerating economic development;

WHEREAS, a key feature of a modernized agriculture is an efficient agricultural delivery system by the farming and trading sector;

WHEREAS, DA seeks to institutionalize the efficient distribution of agri-fishery products from the production sites on to the major demand centers of Metro Manila;

WHEREAS, in order to ensure speedy travel of vehicles carrying agri-commodities nationwide, the Food Lane Project was launched and a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) relative thereto was entered into by and among the Department of Agriculture, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, Northern Luzon Agri-Fishery Group, Southern Luzon Agri-Fishery Group and the Chamber of Agriculture and Food Industries of Northern Mindanao in September 2004;

WHEREAS, the aforesaid MOA Implementing the Food Lane Project exempts delivery trucks of agricultural commodities from the Truck Ban on selected roads in Metro Manila to ensure a twenty-four (24) delivery of agricultural commodities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARTHUR C. YAP, Secretary of Agriculture, do hereby issue this order.

*SECTION 1. The Project* - To ensure speed delivery of perishable agri-fishery commodities to Metro Manila markets, the MMDA designated Food Lane routes for use of the agriculture and fishery sectors allowing them to have a 24-hour truck ban free access from North and South Luzon via the North and South Luzon Expressways.

*SECTION 2. Definition of Terms* -

*Food lane routes* - MMDA assigned routes for trucks transporting perishable agri-fishery commodities which is open 24 hours (see Annex A<sup>\*</sup>).

*Trucks* - transport vehicle with gross weight capacity of 4,500 kilograms and above.

*Perishable agri-fishery commodities* - include fresh/chilled vegetables, fresh/frozen meat (poultry, beef, pork), fresh/frozen fish, fresh/frozen marine products, fresh fruits and eggs.

*Certificate of accreditation* - a document issued by DA and MMDA officially

authorizing the owner of the truck named therein to use the assigned food lane routes specifically indicated in the back of the document. The said certificate may be original or renewal.

*Display of the Sticker* - the Food Lane sticker shall be placed in front of the truck with plate number indicated in the Certificate of Accreditation.

*Sectoral Group representatives* - as identified in the Memorandum of Agreement are the following: Mayor Nestor Fongwan of Benguet, Mr. Lyndon Tan and Engr. Edwin Andot representing North Luzon and South Luzon Agri-Fishery Group and Chamber of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Industries for Northern Mindanao (CAFFINORMIN), respectively.

*SECTION 3. Pre-Qualification Criteria* - The applicant must be duly registered and has no pending complaint filed against him/her.

*SECTION 4. Application for Accreditation* - Accreditation of all trucks delivering perishable agri-fishery commodities shall be handled by the Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Service and the DA Regional Field Units through the Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Division.

*SECTION 5. Requirements on Application* - Along with the completed application form, each entity applying for accreditation shall submit a copy of the following documents:

- a. Duly accomplished application form
- b. Latest 2 pieces "1 x 1" ID picture
- c. 2 photos of truck (front and side view)
- d. Business Permit/SEC Registration/CDA Registration
- e. Mayor's Permit
- f. Board Resolution authorizing representative to transact business in relation to the Food lane project (for coops, corporations, associations), as it may apply
- g. Sworn Statement of Commitment
- h. Authenticated copy of Official Receipt of Registration (original copy will have to be presented)
- i. Authenticated copy of Certificate of Registration (original copy will have to be presented)
- j. Certificate of attendance to the Food Lane Seminar to be issued by DA
- k. Food Lane Reference Form

*SECTION 6. Essential Requirements Before Approval of Accreditation* -

*6.1 Ocular Inspection* - The Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Division through the duly authorized Inspection Team will conduct ocular inspection of the truck to be accredited, during the verification period from the time of application. An inspection report shall be submitted and form part of the documents of the applicant.

*6.2 Orientation Seminar* - All applicants or his/her authorized representative must undergo an Orientation-Seminar to be conducted by the Agribusiness and Marketing