

[DA MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 11, December 01, 1997]

IMPORTATION OF KANGAROO MEAT FROM AUSTRALIA

In view of the conformance of the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Services (AQIS) of The Philippines Zoo-Sanitary Requirements for the importation of kangaroo meat from Australia, the issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC) shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. The meat comes from animals kept in Australia where during the last twelve (12) months prior to slaughter, no OIE List A disease transmissible to kangaroos have been reported.
2. The meat originates from healthy animals which have remained in the territory of Australia for at least three (3) months before slaughter or since birth in the case of animals less than three (3) months old and the meat is wholesome according to international sanitary requirements for game animals.
3. Post-mortem inspection did not reveal changes in the meat characteristic of Salmonellosis or OIE List B diseases transmissible to kangaroos.
4. The meat has been produced in plants under veterinary supervision and accredited to process products for export.
5. Based on Australia's National Residue Survey it can be assumed that the meat does not contain residues at levels likely to be injurious to human health.
6. Testing of similar product in Australia indicates that radiation levels are within acceptable international standards.
7. The meat is packaged in materials safe to human health and transported in accordance with international requirements of veterinary hygiene.

For compliance.

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