

**[ DOA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 23, s. 1993,  
October 04, 1993 ]**

**GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTING MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 95  
DIRECTING THE CENTRAL BANK AND THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS  
TO IMPLEMENT SECTION 23 (10) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7607  
(MAGNA CARTA OF SMALL FARMERS)**

In accordance with Memo Order No. 95 issued on 27 February 1993, directing the Department of Agriculture (DA), Central Bank (CB) and Bureau of Customs (BOC) to draw up the mechanism to ensure compliance therewith, the following guidelines are hereby promulgated:

1. Importation of the commodities listed in Annex 1\* hereof are prohibited under Memorandum Order No. 95, in pursuance of Section 23 (10) of Republic Act (RA) 7607.
2. Live cattle, beef and beef products are excluded from the coverage of this Memorandum Order.
3. Only upon certification by the DA of an actual or anticipated shortage in the local production of the products listed in Annex 1\* will the importation of these products be allowed. Such certification will specify the maximum volume allowed to be imported.

The importation of items which are enumerated in page 1 of Annex 1\* but which are to be used in the manufacture of food products or for feeding game animals will be allowed provided that: (a) an authorization to import is obtained from the DA prior to importation; (b) importations are made by end-users; and (c) importations are not diverted to other uses other than that for which the authorization was given.

4. For corn and corn substitutes, the arrival of importations must be within a specified period of time after the DA certifies an actual or anticipated shortage in the local production of corn (usually 90 days or as may be prescribed by DA). The DA is expected to announce the volume to be imported on or before February 27 annually (until this Administrative Order is amended). The arrival of the importation should not be later than May 31 of the same year.
5. Applications for L/Cs or other modes of payment for the following items must be accompanied by an import clearance or permit from the DA and/or DA's concerned agencies as a pre-requisite:

Commodities

Concerned Agencies

- a. Corn and its of the substitutes — Office Secretary, DA