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SUBJECT: **VETERINARY QUARANTINE GUIDELINES FOR THE IMPORT OF MEAT INTENDED FOR PERSONAL OR NON-COMMERCIAL USE**

In the exigency of service, the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) released this Memorandum Circular to update the current Veterinary Quarantine Guidelines to address the concerns of returning Filipinos/travellers with imported meat intended for **PERSONAL OR NON-COMMERCIAL** use:

Description	Import permit requirement
1. **Processed fully-heat treated meat products, including canned meat**, regardless of weight from countries free from Transboundary Animal Diseases (such as African Swine Fever, Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza, Foot and Mouth Disease)	Subject to regulations of the Food and Drug Administration; **NO SPS IMPORT CLEARANCE REQUIRED FROM BAI.** **MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS FROM BANNED COUNTRIES SHALL BE SUBJECT TO IMMEDIATE CONFISCATION.**
2. **Processed but uncooked meat products (e.g., salted, cured, in brine, smoked, marinated, etc.)** from countries free from Transboundary Animal Diseases (such as African Swine Fever, Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza, Foot and Mouth Disease)	MAXIMUM WEIGHT OF TEN (10) KILOGRAMS PER PASSENGER: **NO SPS IMPORT CLEARANCE REQUIRED FROM BAI.** **Passenger may present either a Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC), proof of purchase, or any valid document indicating the source of origin.** **MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS FROM BANNED COUNTRIES SHALL BE SUBJECT TO IMMEDIATE CONFISCATION.**
3. **Unprocessed meat products (e.g. frozen meat)**	**SPS IMPORT CLEARANCE FROM BAI IS REQUIRED, REGARDLESS OF WEIGHT.** Any commodity under this description that arrives without a SPS Import Clearance shall be subject to confiscation.

All hand-carried products with or without SPS Import Clearance must pass all Veterinary Quarantine Inspection Procedures.

All Memorandum Orders and Circulars previously issued inconsistent with the above-cited provisions are hereby superseded.

For your information and compliance.

Done this 10th day of December 2021

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