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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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SUBJECT: PARTIAL LIFTING OF THE TEMPORARY IMPORTATION BAN ON MECHANICALLY DEBONED MEAT (MDM) OF POULTRY FROM BRAZIL

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture issued a temporary ban on the importation of poultry meat from Brazil as a precautionary measure pursuant to Republic Act (RA) No. 10611 of 2013;

WHEREAS, the government authorities of Brazil have submitted documentary requirements to demonstrate establishment and ensure implementation of plans for COVID-19 prevention, infection control, and occupational safety and health relative to the operations of foreign meat establishments (FMEs);

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture conducted a review of the measure based on available information provided by the government authorities of Brazil;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. DAR, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, **do hereby lift the temporary ban on mechanically deboned meat (MDM) of poultry from Brazil**, thereby allowing the importation of this commodity subject to the following conditions;

1. Only FMEs without COVID-19 positive meat plant workers shall be allowed to export poultry meat as provided herein in *Annex A* of this Order.
2. Additional attestation shall be included in the veterinary health certificate that *"The meat was handled and processed in facilities with functional food safety management system and where stringent hygiene and sanitation measures are practiced."*;
3. The poultry products must carry a safe handling label; and
4. Pursuant to DA Circular No. 9, series of 2015, all importation must be for the sole use of accredited meat processor in the manufacture of heat treated products.

All shipments into the country not complying with foregoing conditions shall be confiscated by DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports of entry.

All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

This **ORDER** shall take effect immediately.

Issued this 21st day of September 2020.

WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.
Secretary

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