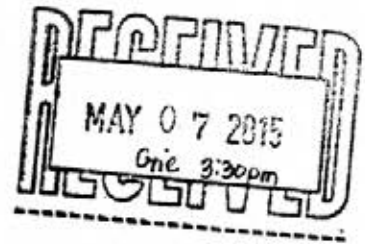




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**SUBJECT : ACCREDITATION OF POLSKAMP SP.ZO.O-(PL1410603WE) MPP AND MCP, UL MICKIEWICZA 9, 05-075 WARSZAWA, POLAND AS EXPORTER OF MECHANICALLY SEPARATED POULTRY (MSP) MEAT INTO THE PHILIPPINES**

WHEREAS, Department of Agriculture Administrative Order No. 16 (DA-AO 16) series of 2006, otherwise known as the Pre-Border Measures for the Export of Meat and Meat Products to the Philippines provides procedures and guidelines in the accreditation of Foreign Meat Establishments (FME) producing meat and meat products for export to the Philippines;

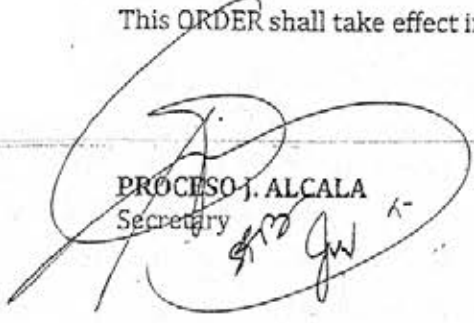
WHEREAS, POLSKAMP SP.ZO.O - (PL1410603WE) MPP and MCP, UL Mickiewicza 9, 05-075 Warszawa, Poland was inspected/audited by the Department of Agriculture Inspection Mission (DAIM) and were found to comply with the Philippine quarantine and meat inspection systems procedures;

WHEREAS, POLSKAMP SP.ZO.O has complied with the requirements provided in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World Organization for Animal Health (*Office International des Epizooties-OIE*);

WHEREAS, after thorough evaluation, the application of POLSKAMP SP.ZO.O of Poland for accreditation to export Mechanically Separated Poultry (MSP) Meat into the Philippines have been found to be satisfactory and acceptable;

NOW, THEREFORE, I PROCESO J. ALCALA, Secretary of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby issue this Circular granting FME accreditation to POLSKAMP SP.ZO.O of Poland for accreditation to export Mechanically Separated Poultry (MSP) Meat into the Philippines. This accreditation shall be valid until 23 April 2018 with full compliance to existing regulations provided in this Circular and Annex hereby set forth.

This ORDER shall take effect immediately.

  
PROCESO J. ALCALA  
Secretary

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ARTICLE I  
SCOPE AND DEFINITION OF TERMS AND ACRONYMS

**Section 1. SCOPE** – This Circular shall govern the importation of **Mechanically Separated Poultry (MSP) Meat** from Poland Polskamp SP.Z0.0 into the Philippines.

**Section 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS** – *For the purpose of this Circular*, the following terms, words, and phrases *herein used* shall be construed to mean as follows:

- a. **Notification and epidemiological information** provides the obligation of the exporting country as the OIE member country to make available whatever information is necessary to minimize the international spread of important animal diseases.
- b. **Obligations and ethics in international trade** cover the responsibilities of the exporting country to make available up-to-date health information, export regulations and providing accurate health certification.
- c. **Import risk analysis** shall cover hazard identification, risk assessment, risk management and risk communication and guidelines for conducting risk analyses.
- d. **Equivalence** covers the recognition of significantly different animal health and production systems that can provide equivalent protection for the purpose of international trade.
- e. **Import/ Export procedures** as provided in section 1.4 of the Terrestrial Code covers the animal health measures applicable before, at departure from the exporting country, in transit and upon arrival to the importing country, covering animal identification, border and quarantine stations, and containment of pathogens during transport. This shall also cover the import requirements provided in the DA-Administrative Order No. 16 series of 2006, otherwise known as the Pre-Border Measures for the Export of Meat and Meat Products to the Philippines.
- f. **Zoning and compartmentalization. Zoning** as provided by the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code shall cover animal sub-population defined on a geographical basis with reference to natural, artificial or legal boundaries, while **compartmentalization** applies to animal sub-population defined by management practices related to biosecurity. Information on the established management of both shall be provided such as veterinary services.
- g. **Diagnostic test for specific diseases** shall cover specific diagnostic tests adopted as recommended by the Code.
- h. **Animal welfare** shall cover practices in humane handling of animal during transport, slaughter of animals for food, and the killing of animals for disease control.
- i. **Disease Surveillance** covers the established surveillance systems for animal diseases to determine the animal health status of the country, providing

information on declaration of freedom from a disease/pathogen in relation to the date of most recent occurrence, and for recognizing historical freedom.

- j. **Animal production food safety** shall cover the programs for the control of biological hazards of animal health and public health importance through ante- and post- mortem inspection.
- k. **Animal traceability** shall cover animal identification and traceability for the purpose of management of disease outbreaks and food safety incidents, vaccination programs, zoning and compartmentalization, surveillance, early response and notification systems, animal movement controls, inspection and certification procedures.
- l. **Antimicrobial resistance** covers the surveillance and monitoring programs, taking into considerations the responsible use of antimicrobials in terms of quantities in animal husbandry and veterinary medicine.

### **Section 3. CONDITIONS TO MAINTAIN ACCREDITATION OF FOREIGN MEAT ESTABLISHMENTS**

3.1 The following documents and/or information must be updated and submitted by the National Competent Authority of **Poland** to the Department of Agriculture Philippines not later than January 31 of the following year.

3.1.1 The Animal Health Status as provided and issued in conformance to the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the OIE. This shall include updated information on :

- a. Notification and epidemiological information
- b. Obligations and ethics in international trade
- c. Import risk analysis
- d. Equivalence
- e. Import/ Export procedures
- f. Zoning and compartmentalization
- g. Diagnostic test for specific diseases
- h. Inactivation of pathogens and vectors
- i. Animal welfare
- j. Disease surveillance
- k. Animal production food safety
- l. Animal traceability
- m. Antimicrobial resistance

3.1.2 The official Annual report of the NCA of **Poland** on Monitoring Program for Veterinary Drug Residue (VDR).

3.1.3 The official Annual report of the NCA of **Poland** on Monitoring Program for Pathogens and/or pathogen reduction.

3.2 Animal Health Status and Disease Freedom

3.2.1 The NCA of **Poland** shall submit a copy to the DA of its animal health status annual report, residue of veterinary drugs monitoring report and other food safety concerns to include product recalls and advisories.

### 3.3 Meat establishment requirements

- 3.3.1 The meat establishment must be listed as duly registered meat establishment authorized by the government of **Poland** through their National Competent Authority to export **Mechanically Separated Poultry (MSP) Meat** into the Philippines.
- 3.3.2 The meat establishment must maintain eligibility to the above mentioned registry with reference to government sanitary and veterinary inspection, GMP/SSOP and HACCP certification, subject to verification audit of the Philippine Department of Agriculture Inspection Mission (DAIM) any time within the validity period, without incurring any critical or serious non-conformance/s in which such condition or practice prevents proper plant sanitation, may result in the production of unwholesome product, presents a threat to health and safety of consumers, and compromises general food safety.
- 3.3.3 The meat establishment must make available all pertinent documents necessary in the conduct of audits by the DAIM pertaining but not limited to operational concerns on safety of water and ice, condition and cleanliness of food contact surfaces; prevention of cross contamination; hand washing and sanitizing and toilet facilities, protection of food, packaging and food contact surfaces from adulteration with contaminants; labelling and storage/ and use of toxic compounds; employees health conditions; exclusion of pests from the ME; calibration of measuring tools; equipment and other structural facilities.

### 3.4 Meat and Meat products for export requirements

- 3.4.1 The meat and meat products for export must be slaughtered, fabricated, processed in the meat establishments as provided in the provisions of 3.3.1, and inspected and passed for export by the official veterinarian of the NCA of the exporting country.
- 3.4.2 The meat and meat products for export must bear the official inspection mark on the primary, secondary, and/or shipper packaging showing proof that the meat and meat products have been inspected and passed by the NCA, and certifies that the same have been handled in compliance to the national food regulation of the exporting country.
- 3.4.3 The meat and meat products for export in reference to 3.1.1.m must not contain residues of antibiotics, pesticides, hormones, heavy metals, radioactivity and similar substances that may pose public health and environmental hazards, and in reference to 3.1.1.j on disease surveillance for pathogenic microorganisms not to exceed the acceptable level set by the Philippine standards and/or international standards.
- 3.4.4 The meat and meat products must be transported, ensuring the wholesomeness and condition of the products, by eliminating possibility of/or entry/ introduction of contaminants and pests, and ensuring maintenance of product temperature requirement, eliminating thermal abuse. Sealed refrigerated/ freezer shipping containers must have passed the sanitary inspection and certified by the NCA for loading.

- 3.4.5 The veterinary authority of the exporting country must issue and submit an English version of the export health/veterinary certificate of wholesomeness to the Philippine National Veterinary Quarantine Service (NVQS) with the following information:
- a. Name of meat and/or meat product, type and number of packages/box, weight in total and standard weight per package/box if any, lot number
  - b. Date of manufacture and expiry/used-by-date
  - c. Name, address and establishment number
  - d. Container number and seal number attached to the container
  - e. Addresses and name of consignor and consignee
  - f. Date of issuance of the health/ veterinary certificate
  - g. Name, title and signature of authorized certifier, and his/her office
- 3.4.6 The meat and meat products to be exported shall arrive in the Philippine port not later than six months from the production date as shown in the label, Bill of Lading/Airway Bill, and International Veterinary Certificate.
- 3.4.7 All importations shall require SPS import clearance and subject to applicable Philippine laws, rules and regulations; as such, this Circular shall not automatically guarantee that all heat-processed chicken meat is allowed entry into the Philippines.
- 3.4.8 This Circular shall be governed by the provisions set in the following rules and regulations but not limited to: Republic Act No. 9296, "The Meat Inspection Code of the Philippines" and its Implementing Rules and Regulations; Republic Act No. 10536 for the Amendment to the Republic Act No. 9296; Administrative Order No. 16, Series of 2006 for "Pre -Border Measures for the Export of Meat and Meat Products to the Philippines; Administrative Order No. 26, Series of 2005 for "Revised Rules, Regulations, and Standards Governing the Importation of Meat and Meat Products into the Philippines"; and Administrative Order 09, Series of 2013 for "Supplemental Guidelines to DA-AO No. 26 of 2005, Section III: Accreditation Procedure for Meat Importers".

#### **Section 4. SUSPENSION CLAUSE**

- 4.1 In case/ cases of non-compliance with the requirements and conditions of this Circular, and/ or any non-conformance in the technical requirements pre-border to and at border entry of any shipment into the Philippines, the Department of Agriculture through the Office of the Secretary reserves the right to suspend and/or refuse acceptance of importation/imports of the meat and meat products.

So ordered.