

**[ DOA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 56, S. 2000,  
December 27, 2000 ]**

**AMENDMENT TO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 39, S. 2000  
PROVIDING THE GUIDELINES ON THE IMPORTATION OF MEAT  
AND MEAT PRODUCTS**

WHEREAS, Department of Agriculture Administrative Order No. 39 (AO 39) series of 2000 provides the Amended Rules and Regulations Governing the Importation of Meat and Meat Products into the Philippines;

WHEREAS, a review of AO 39 identified certain provisions that may be amended to enhance and refine the implementation of the said guidelines;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDGARDO J. ANGARA, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, hereby issue this Order to provide amendatory provisions on the guidelines governing the importation of meat and meat products.

**Section 1.** The following provisions of AO 39 are hereby amended to read as follows:

**I. SECTION IV. EXPORTING COUNTRY REQUIREMENTS**

SECTION IV.C.2. The packaging must meet the minimum relevant labelling requirement, as defined in Article 77, Chapter IV of the Consumer Act of the Philippines and Bureau of Food and Drugs (BFAD) AO No. 88-B, series of 1984 (Rules and Regulations Governing the Labelling of Pre-Packaged Food Products). The label on each box of the shipment of imported meat and/or meat products shall contain the following, as appropriate, which must be written in English or Filipino (each character of the text should not be less than 2.5 mm, for printed or stamped, and 5 mm, for stencil or hand painted):

- a) Correct and registered trade name and brand name;
- b) Business name and address of the exporter;
- c) Country of origin;
- d) Lot identification;
- e) Product description and/or, whenever applicable, the list of ingredients;
- f) Net quantity of contents, in terms of weight, measure or numerical count rounded to the nearest tenths;
- g) Date of manufacture and packaging;
- h) Date of minimum durability ("best before") and/or expiration date; and
- i) Handling and storage instructions.