[DA MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 24, October 26, 1998]

RULES GOVERNING THE IMPORTATION OF CANNED, COOKED AND PROCESSED MEAT PRODUCTS FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture Philippine Mission in the People's Republic of China (PROC), after a thorough inspection and evaluation of four processing plants, found favorable conditions that merit allowing the importation of canned, cooked, processed meat products from PROC;

Whereas, only canned, cooked, processed meat products coming from the following meat processing plants are allowed to be imported;

- XIAMEN CANNERY FACTORY
 Xiamen Gulong Import and Export Co., Ltd.
 No. 8 Hou Bin Road, Xiamen, PROC
- 2. CHINA HUNAN PROVINCIAL YUAN JIANG
 CANNED FOODSTUFFS FACTORY
 Hunan La Mei Zi Food Co., Ltd.
 No. 188 Paomaling Road, Yuanjiang City, Hunan, PROC
- 3. NANJING CEREALS, OIL AND FOODSTUFF IMPORT AND EXPORT CORPORATION
 No. 13, Shuanglong Xiang, Don Feng Jie, Nanjing, PROC
- COFCO CHONGQING HECHUAN FOOD INDUSTRIAL CO. LTD
 No. 247 Communication Street, He Chuan, Chongqing, PROC

Now therefore, the following guidelines are hereby promulgated to allow such importation to wit:

- 1. The meat processing comes from deboned carcasses:
 - a. from which the major lymphatic glands have been removed;
 - b. which, prior to deboning have been submitted to maturation at a temperature above 2.5°Celsius for a minimum period of twenty-four (24) hours following slaughter, and in which the pH value of the meat was below 6.0;