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IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES ON THE IMPORTATION OF FROZEN BEEF BLOCKS FROM HUA AN MEAT CO. LTD., AUTONOMOUS COUNTY OF DACHANG AND HE BEI FOODS, INC. PROVINCE OF HE BEI, THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA

In view of the favorable recommendation of the China Mission, which was recently undertaken by this Department, and pursuant to Section 18 and 48 (4) of Chapter 4 and 6, respectively of Title IV, Book IV of Executive Order No. 292, otherwise known as the Administrative Code of 1987, the following guidelines are hereby prescribed for the guidance of all concerned.

Article I

Veterinary Requirements at the Country of Origin

SECTION 1. Source of Cattle - Fresh frozen beef blocks shall come from animals that:

- a. originated from Rinderpest free zones and where the disease has not been present for at least three (3) years.
- b. originated from farms/feedlots in which there has been no outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease in the premises within a radius of 25 kms. for 60 days; and
- c. have remained in the Autonomous County of Dachang and the Province of He Bei for at least three months and official veterinary controls are in operations.

SECTION 2. Transport of Cattle - The cattle shall be transported directly from within the Autonomous County of Dachang and the Province of He Bei, The Peoples Republic of China to the approved/accredited slaughterhouses of Hua An Meat Co. Ltd. and He Bei Foods Inc. and were conveyed in a means of transport which has been cleaned and disinfected before loading.

SECTION 3. Pre-Slaughter Conditions - The cattle shall be slaughtered as soon as possible, and not later than 72 hours, after their arrival in the approved slaughterhouses of Hua An Meat Co. Ltd. and He Bei Foods, Inc. which conforms to international standards and be subjected to ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection by duly authorized veterinarians. The animals must have been found to be free of FMD, Rinderpest and other diseases during the inspection. The ante-mortem inspection should be carried out within 24-48 hours of arrival in the slaughterhouse and repeated if animals were not slaughtered within 48 hours. The ante-mortem inspection shall include examination for clinical evidence of FMD and where appropriate and detailed examination of foot and mouth. The ration for cattle in the holding pen shall come from certified FMD-free areas.