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Philippines Lifts Ban on Japanese Beef and Beef Products

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Report Highlights:

On 18 September 2006, the Philippine Department of Agriculture lifted the ban on importation of meat and meat products derived from cattle originating from Japan.

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On 18 September 2006, the Philippine Department of Agriculture (DA) issued Memorandum Order No. 30 (2006) lifting the temporary suspension of importation of meat and meat products derived from cattle originating from Japan. Based on Philippine DA evaluations, the risk of entry of BSE from importing meat and meat products from Japan is negligible.

Importation of the said products will now be allowed subject to the following conditions as certified by the National Veterinary Authority of Japan:

- 1) The age of the slaughter animal is not older than 30 months.
- 2) The beef should only come from healthy, ambulatory and not downer cattle born and grown in Japan.
- 3) The meat and meat products must be devoid of nerves and other BSE specified risk materials (SRM).
- 4) The slaughter of the cattle and cutting and packaging of the beef must be done in a meat facility only for 30 months old below cattle.
- 5) The beef should not at any time and any manner get in contact or mixed with beef coming from cattle older than 30 months.

Moreover, the slaughter and packing date must be indicated in the packaging label. All shipments of beef not complying with the above condition would be confiscated by the Veterinary Quarantine officers.

Since 2001, the DA has suspended all imports of live cattle, sheep and goats, including their meat and meat products, and all other products derived from such animal originating from Japan. Importation of these products from Japan has been negligible.

The complete text of Memorandum Order No. 30 is available from:
http://www.da.gov.ph/agrilaws/mo_2006/mo_30.pdf

This order took effect immediately.