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## **Philippines**

### **Livestock and Products**

## **Tighter Guidelines for Customs Bonded Warehouse Users**

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#### **Report Highlights:**

**The Department of Agriculture has issued additional guidelines for meat importers using private and public bonded warehouses and other Bureau of Customs warehousing facilities, in an effort to crack down on the growing problem of meat smuggling in the country.**

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The Philippine Department of Agriculture (DA), in an effort to enhance the government's tax monitoring system and in order to assist the Bureau of Customs (BOC) increase collection of duties from imported meat and meat products, has established additional requirements for the issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearances (VQCs) to importers who are using private or public customs bonded warehouses and/or any other BOC warehousing facilities.

The DA has adopted the following additional requirements for the issuance of VQCs to importers using the above specified warehousing facilities:

- a. Report of utilization/ liquidation of their importation from the Bureau of Customs;
- b. Certified True Copy of Customs Import Entry Revenue Declarations (IERDs); and
- c. Official Receipt (original copy) of payment of previous importation duties and taxes.

Agriculture Secretary Luis P. Lorenzo, Jr. has directed all Veterinary Quarantine Officers at the ports of entry to immediately stop issuing Veterinary Quarantine Inspection Certificates (VQICs) to all imported meat, meat products and by-products with VQCs issued prior to the effectivity of this order, for release through private and public customs bonded warehouses, pending the submission of the above mentioned documents to the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI). A VQIC is one of several requirements needed by an importer before final release of any meat shipment.

According to local traders, the additional requirements for importers using bonded warehouses are not expected to impede the legitimate meat trade and may help curb the worsening problem of illegal importation.