

## PHILIPPINEN

Verwaltungsverordnung Nr. 4/1998. Überarbeitete Richtlinien zur Einfuhr landwirtschaftlicher Erzeugnisse.

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### **Administrative Order No. 4** Series of 1998

**Subject : "REVISED GUIDELINES IN THE IMPORTATION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS"**

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WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8178 otherwise known as the "Agricultural Tariffication Act" expressly repealed Section 23 (10) of Republic Act No. 7607, entitled "Act Providing a Magna Carta for Small Farmers," which states, among others, that importation shall not be allowed on agricultural products that are produced locally in sufficient quantity;

WHEREAS, prior to the passage of A.R. 8178, Memorandum Order No. 95 was issued on 27 February 1993 directing this Department, the Central Bank, and the Bureau of Customs, to draw up a mechanism to ensure compliance with Section 23 (10) of RA 7607;

WHEREAS, by virtue of said directive, this Department Issued Administrative Order No. 23, series of 1993 providing for the Guidelines for Implementing Memorandum Order No. 95;

WHEREAS, said Memorandum Order No. 95 has likewise been deemed repealed, amended, or modified accordingly;

WHEREAS, there is a need to formalize the revised guidelines in the importation of agricultural products, specifically, but not limited to corn and corn substitutes, live poultry, poultry meat and meat products, live hogs, pork and pork products;

NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with Republic Act No. 8178, the following revised guidelines are promulgated;

1. Application of L/Cs or other modes of payment for the importation of agricultural products need to be accompanied by a sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) certificate from the DA and/or DA's concerned agencies as a prerequisite import permits providing for volume/quantity restrictions are no longer applicable.
2. Importation of agricultural products, when applicable, must be accompanied by a Minimum Access Volume (MAV) Import Certificate Issued by the MAV Secretariat, in order that the importer may avail of the in-quota tariff rate.
3. Further, the release of these goods shall be subject to inspection by the Department or its phytosanitary standards. Upon release from customs custody, imported agricultural products shall be subject to existing SPS inspection regulations.
4. In the case of corn substitutes such as wheat, barley, rye, and oats a **Societe Generale de Surveillance** (SGS) Clean Report of Findings need to be secured before the entry and release of such goods.
5. Any juridical entity violating the provisions of this Administrative Order shall be subject to appropriate administrative sanctions under existing penal provisions of this Department and its attached agencies, the **Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas**, and Bureau of Customs and the penal provisions of the Consumers Act, Administrative sanctions may also be imposed by the BSP upon banking institutions found violating this Order including their directors and officers responsible for such violations.
6. This Administrative Order supersedes and repeals DA AO 23, series of 1993 and amends DA AO 10, series of 1996 and DA AO 11, series of 1997 as well as other AO's inconsistent with the same.

This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days upon publication in a newspaper of national circulation.

SALVADOR H. ESCUDERO III  
Secretary

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Verwaltungsverordnung Nr. 18/2000. Änderung der DA-AO Nr. 4/1998 "Überarbeitete Richtlinien zur Einfuhr landwirtschaftlicher Erzeugnisse".

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**Administrative Order No. 18**

Series of 2000

**Subject :** **Amending DA-AO No.4 Series of 1998, "Revised Guidelines In The Importation of Agricultural Products"**

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Whereas there is a need to strengthen agriculture quarantine services and harmonize existing import rules and regulations in accordance with the increasing global trade;

I, EDGARDO J. ANGARA, Secretary of Agriculture, pursuant to Section 18, Chapter 4, Title IV, Book IV of Executive Order No. 292, and the provisions of RA 7394 otherwise known as The Consumer Act of the Philippines do hereby order:

That DA-AO No.4 Series of 1998 "Revised Guidelines In The Importation of Agricultural products" is hereby amended such that:

I. The scope of the Order shall not be limited to Agricultural Products, but must include LIVE ANIMALS; PLANT; FISHES and their products and by-products;

II. An Import Permit (SPS Certificate) must be required prior to importation of Agricultural Products; Live Animals; Plants; Fishes; their products and by-products. Such importation must be accompanied by a Sanitary/Phytosanitary/Health Certificate from the country of origin.

III. Agricultural Products; Live Animals\*\*; Plants; Fishes their products and by-products imported without the required Import Permit are deemed illegal and are subject to the pertinent provisions of RA 7394 and to existing DA Quarantine rules and regulations.

All existing Orders and Issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby revoked, repealed and/or amended accordingly.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

**(Signed)**  
**EDGARDO J. ANGARA**  
Secretary

N.B. \*\* May exclude companion animals (except Horses), and other non-food animals not listed as endangered species under CITES, provided accompanied by a Veterinary Health Certificate from country of origin.