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Report Highlights:

On January 25, 2022, the Philippine Department of Agriculture issued Administrative Order No. 2 (AO 2), re-extending the temporary 90-day validity of SPS Import Clearances for imported meat and poultry through December 31, 2022. AO 2 cites ongoing supply chain issues and logistical difficulties brought about by the global COVID situation, as well as the contribution of meat and poultry importation to the overall food supply and security of the country as the primary factors for extending the validity of the import permits.





Background:

Last August 10, 2021, the DA issued AO 21, extending the validity of import clearances for meat and poultry from 60 to 90 days, which expired December 31, 2021. AO 21 was issued in response to the global shipping situation and logistical difficulties brought about by the COVID pandemic and recognizing the importance of meat importation to the overall food supply and security of the country (see GAIN Report).

Given the continued shipping problems and supply chain situation, on January 25, 2022, the Philippine Department of Agriculture (DA) issued <u>Administrative Order No. 2</u> (AO 2), re-extending the 90-day validity of SPS Import Clearances for imported meat and poultry until December 31, 2022.

Attachments:

No Attachments.