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TO: ALL BFAD DIVISION CHIEFS
    ALL FOOD MANUFACTURERS, EXPORTERS,
    DISTRIBUTORS AND OTHER CONCERNED

SUBJECT: Information on the exportation of fresh/frozen marine
         products and fresh, frozen and chilled chicken meat from
         the Philippines

Attached for information and guidance are copies of the following information
from the BETP-Department of Trade and Industry:

1. Note No. 96/34/40204 dated 10 May 2004 from Saudi Arabia Ministry of
   Foreign Affairs (SMFA) regarding the lifting of ban on the exportation of
   fresh/frozen marine products from the Philippines.

2. Ministry Note concerning the regulation on the exportation of fresh, frozen
   and chilled chicken meat and its products to Jordan.

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is desired.

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Director IV
05 June 2004

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PROF. LETICIA-BARBARA B. GUTIERREZ, M.S.
Director
Bureau of Food and Drugs (BFAD)
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Dear Director Gutierrez:

We are pleased to inform you that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has lifted the ban on the importation of fresh/frozen marine products from the Philippines. This is in view of the removal of the Philippines from the WHO list of cholera affected countries.

For your reference, attached is a copy of Note No. 96/34/40204 dated 10 May 2004 from the Saudi Arabia Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SMFA) regarding this matter.

The information was transmitted to this Office by Undersecretary Edsel T. Custodio, Office of the Undersecretary for International Economic Relations, Department of Foreign Affairs.

We would appreciate if you could disseminate the information to your industry network.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

MA. TERESA D. REGINIO
Assistant Director

Encl.: a/s
Dear Undersecretary Aquino,

We are pleased to inform you that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has lifted its ban on importing frozen marine products from the Philippines. This is in accordance with the removal of the Philippines from the WHO list of cholera affected countries.

Enclosed, for your reference, is a copy of Note No. 96/34/40204 dated 10 May 2004 received by the Philippine Embassy in Riyadh from the Saudi Arabia Ministry of Foreign Affairs (BMFA) on the matter.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (Consular Section-Judiciary Affairs) presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines in Riyadh, and wishes to refer to the Embassy's Note No.BAG-201-2004 dated 3 April 2004 regarding the weekly epidemic report no. 45 dated on 7 November 2003 by the World Health Organization stating that Philippines has been removed from the list of countries that affected epidemic cholera.

The Ministry wishes to inform that the Kingdom has lifted the prevention issued by the Kingdom in importing fresh/frozen marine products from Philippines.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails it self of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the Republic of the Philippine the assurances of its highest consideration.

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PROF. LETICIA-BARBARA B. GUTIERREZ, M.S.
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Dear Director Gutierrez:

We are furnishing you a copy of the communication of Mr. Raul M. Santiago Jr., Office of the Undersecretary for International Economic Relations (QUIER), DFA, dated 05 July 2004, regarding Jordan’s regulation on the importation of fresh, frozen and chilled chicken meat and its products.

The regulation states that “every cooled or fresh chicken must be covered by a suitable plastic materials, provided that it is transparent, colorless and does not affect the chicken’s taste or smell like the polyethylene. Non-compliance to this regulation would not be allowed to enter in the Jordan market.”

Please disseminate the information to your industry network.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

MA. TERESA D. Reginio
Assistant Director

Encl. a/s
05 July 2004

Dear Director Cala,

We wish to provide your office, for information and dissemination to concerned parties, the attached unofficial English translation of Ministry Note (Ref: Economic/5/786) concerning the regulations on the importation of frozen chicken meat to Jordan.

Very truly yours,

For the Undersecretary:

RAUL M. SANTIAGO, JR.
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The MFA of the HKJ presents its compliments to all Diplomatic Missions & International Organizations accredited to the Kingdom, and is honored to convey the request made by the institution of standards and metrology to remind of the article (4-1) of the Jordanian technical base No.204/1997 accredited by the institution’s council in his meeting No. 14 dated 25 December 2004 which concerns itself about chicken meat and its products (fresh, frozen, and chilled chicken) stating that “every cooled or fresh chicken must be covered by a suitable plastic material provided that it is transparent, colorless, and does not affect the chicken’s taste or smell like the Polyethylene.

The institution wishes that those concerned will totally abide with the above mentioned article since that all kind of chicken not following the conditions stated in the article’s No. (4-1) will not be allowed to enter Jordan.

The Ministry avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration.