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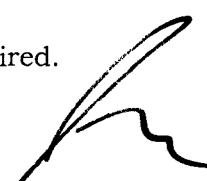
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DepEd MEMORANDUM
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**SOURCES OF SAFE AND QUALITY MEAT FOR THE CONSUMPTION OF STUDENTS,
TEACHING AND NON-TEACHING PERSONNEL**

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. The National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS) is a regulatory agency under the Department of Agriculture (DA) that has the sole authority to control meat inspection and meat hygiene requirements in the country, pursuant to International Food Law (*Codex Alimentarius*) for consumer protection and meat trade, hereby advises all school heads to ensure the safety and quality of meat and meat products for the consumption of learners, and teaching and non-teaching personnel in schools nationwide.
2. School heads, teachers-in-charge of school canteens, and canteen operators in DepEd schools nationwide are advised to source meat served in school canteens, school feeding programs, and DepEd offices only from accredited slaughterhouses, poultry dressing plants, meat cutting plants, meat cold storage warehouses, or locally registered meat establishments. Everyone is also advised to look for the Meat Inspection Certificate when buying meat in the market.
3. For more information on meat safety, coordinate with the respective NMIS Regional Technical Operation Centers.
4. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Undersecretary
Officer-in-Charge

Encl.: N o n e

Reference: N o n e

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