ORDER

New Delhi, the 3rd November, 1997

S.O. 2947—Whereas for the development of the export trade of India, certain proposals for subjecting Animal Casings to Quality Control and Inspection prior to export, were published as required by sub rule (2) of rule 11 of the Export Quality Control and Inspection Rules, 1964, in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii), dated the 21st February, 1997 under the Order of the Government of India in the Ministry of Commerce Number S.O. 132(E), dated the 21st February, 1997;

And whereas the objections and suggestions were invited from all persons likely to be affected thereby within a period forty five days of the publication of the said order in the Official Gazette;

And whereas the copies of the said Gazette were made available to the public on the 21st February, 1997.

And whereas the objections and suggestion received from the public on the said draft have been considered by the Central Government;

And whereas it is necessary to maintain the highest quality standard as per the health requirement of the importing countries that would encompass the standards like unified Directives Number 92/118 EEC, dated the 17th December, 1992 and 94/187/EC dated the 18th March, 1994 of the European Community.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 6 of the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963 (22 of 1963), and in supersession of the notification of the Government of India, in the Ministry of Commerce Number S.O. 2283 dated the 24th August, 1994 relating to Animal Casings except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the Government of India after consulting the Export Inspection Council being of the opinion that it is necessary and expedient to do so for the development of the export trade of India, hereby;

- (1) notifies that Animal Casings shall be subject to quality control and inspection prior to export;
- (2) specifies that the type of quality control and inspection shall be in accordance with the export of Animal Casings (Quality Control and Inspection) Rules 1997 as the type of Quality Control and Inspection which shall be applied to such Animal Casings prior to export, in the notification;

- (3) recognises the specifications;
 - (a) National and International Standards and Standards of other bodies recognised by Export Inspection Council;

OR

(b) Grade designation formulated under the Annual Casings Grading and Marking Rules, 1964;

OR

- (c) The specifications declared by the exporter to be the agreed specifications of the export contract between buyer and the exporter.
- (4) Prohibits the export, in the course of international trade of Animal Casings unless it conforms to the standards specifications applicable to it, and is accompanied by a certificate of inspection issued by any of the Agencies established or recognised under Section 7 of the Export (Quality Control and Inspection)Act, 1963 (22 of 1963).

Nothing in this order shall apply to the export by land or sea or air of bonafide samples of animal casings to prospective buyers, the values of which shall not exceed permissible limit as laid down in Exim-Policy from time to time. Where no such provision exist the value limit of sample(s) shall not exceed Rs. 1,000.

In this order Animal Casings means proposed intestine of healthy animal slaughtered in an authorised slaughter house.

[File No. 6/1/96-EI&EP] PRABH DAS, Director