

## ENFORCEMENT AND INVESTOR PROTECTION DEPARTMENT

## **SEC ADVISORY**

This is to inform the public that <u>FRESH DEALS MEAT TRADING/FRESHDEALS MEAT TRADING</u> is NOT AUTHORIZED TO SOLICIT INVESTMENT FROM THE PUBLIC.

This ADVISORY is prompted by reports and information gathered by the Commission that individuals or group of persons headed by its CEO/Founder **RAYMOND C. CABANTING** are enticing the public, through social media platform.



As posted online, you can invest by joining in their private social media group at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/911335956843797">https://www.facebook.com/groups/911335956843797</a> and registering at their website at <a href="https://freshdealsmeat-trading.com">https://freshdealsmeat-trading.com</a> then you can avail on their investment plans. **Fresh Deals Meat Trading** is offering investments to the public with a minimal amount of **Php 500.00 up to Php 500,000.00**. Investors may earn **up to 20% daily or 300% within 15 days** with **15%** direct referral commission.







In this regard, the public is made aware that an "investment contract," which is a kind of financial product called "security," exists when there is an investment or placement of money in a common enterprise with a reasonable expectation of profits to be derived from the efforts of others which is prominent in the scheme of **FRESH DEALS MEAT TRADING.** 

As such, the Securities Regulation Code (SRC) requires that said offer and/or sale of securities must be duly registered with the Commission and that the concerned entity and/or its agents should have the appropriate registration and/or license to sell such securities to the public.

Based on the Commission's database, FRESH DEALS MEAT TRADING/FRESHDEALS MEAT TRADING, is NOT REGISTERED as a corporation or partnership and OPERATES WITHOUT THE NECESSARY LICENSE AND/OR AUTHORITY to solicit, accept or take investments/placements from the public nor to issue investment contracts and other forms of securities defined under Section 3 of the Securities Regulation Code (SRC).

Further, the scheme employed by has the characteristics of a "**Ponzi Scheme**" where money from new investors are used in paying "fake profits" to prior investors and is designed mainly to favor its top recruiters and prior risk takers and is detrimental to subsequent members in case of scarcity of new investors.

The offering and selling of securities in the form of investment contracts using the "Ponzi Scheme" which is fraudulent and unsustainable, is NOT a registrable security. The Commission will not issue a License to Sell Securities to the Public to persons or entities that are engaged in this business or scheme.

In view thereof, the public is hereby advised **NOT TO INVEST** or to **STOP INVESTING** in the investment scheme being offered by **FRESH DEALS MEATS TRADING/FRESHDEALS MEAT TRADING vis-à-vis RAYMOND C. CABANTING** as well as to any other entities having the same or similar schemes and to exercise caution in dealing with any individuals or group of persons soliciting investments or recruiting investors for and on behalf of **FRESH DEALS MEATS TRADING/ FRESHDEALS MEAT TRADING vis-à-vis RAYMOND C. CABANTING.** 

Those who act as salesmen, brokers, dealers, agents, representatives, solicitors, operators, promoters, uplines, recruiters, influencers, endorsers and enablers of FRESH DEALS MEATS TRADING/FRESHDEALS MEAT TRADING vis-à-vis RAYMOND C. CABANTING in selling or convincing people to invest in the investment scheme being offered by the said entity including soliciting investments or recruiting investors through the internet may be held criminally liable under Section 28 of the SRC and penalized with a maximum fine of Five Million Pesos (Php5,000,000.00) or imprisonment of Twenty One (21) years or both pursuant to Section 73 of the SRC (SEC vs. Oudine Santos, G.R. No. 195542, 19 March 2014).

Furthermore, the names of all those involved will be reported to the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) so that the appropriate penalties and/or taxes be correspondingly assessed.

Should you have any information regarding any investment solicitation by any individual or group of individuals on behalf of **FRESH DEALS MEATS TRADING vis-à-vis RAYMOND C. CABANTING** please send your report through email at <a href="mailto:epd@sec.gov.ph">epd@sec.gov.ph</a>.

For the information and guidance of the public.

Makati City, 28 March 2023