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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

No. 06
Series of 2024

**SUBJECT : ELUCIDATION ON DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 06 SERIES OF 2024 "TEMPORARY
BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF LIVE CATTLE AND BUFFALO,
THEIR PRODUCTS AND BY-PRODUCTS INCLUDING MILK AND
MILK PRODUCTS, EMBRYOS, SKIN AND SEMEN ORIGINATING
FROM *Thailand, Russia, South Korea and Libya*"**

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture issued Memorandum Order (MO) No. 06 series of 2024, to prevent the entry of Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) to the Philippines and protect the health of the local cattle and buffalo population;

WHEREAS, LSD is a disease of economic importance as it causes temporary reduction in milk production, temporary or permanent sterility in bulls, damage to hides, and occasionally, death. The LSD virus is also remarkably stable, surviving for long periods at ambient temperature, especially in dried scabs as they are very resistant to inactivation;

WHEREAS, Thailand, Russia, South Korea, and Libya have reported on-going or stable cases of LSD as shown in the World Organization for Animal Health's (WOAH) World Animal Health Information System (WAHIS), and even in stable outbreak, the virus can still be present and potentially spread through movement of animals and animal products;

WHEREAS, Item 3 of DA MO No. 06 series of 2024 states "importation of live cattle and buffalo, their products and by-products including milk and milk products, embryos, skin and semen should adhere to the WOAH recommendations for importation Article 11.9", and item 4 further states that "shipments that have not complied with the conditions outlined in item 3 shall be dealt with as per Administrative Circular 6 series of 2022, Article V, Section II (E)";

NOW, THEREFORE, to ensure that safe trade is practiced during disease situations, this Memorandum Circular is issued to clarify the conditions of the applied temporary restriction stated in DA MO No. 06 series of 2024 regarding commodities that may be affected by LSD, in adherence to the WOAH Terrestrial Animal Health Code (TAHC) Article 11. 9 "Infection with Lumpy Skin Disease Virus", subject to Philippines' import terms and conditions and regulatory requirements:



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Commodity	Conditions
Skeletal Muscle Meat, Casings, Gelatine and collagen, Tallow, Hooves and horns	ALLOWED. These are considered "safe commodities and are not included in the temporary restriction, subject to the Philippines' import terms and conditions.
Live bovines and water buffaloes, including semen, embryos	NOT ALLOWED.
Milk and milk products	ALLOWED. Additional attestation in the international veterinary certificate (attested and signed by the country of origin's veterinary authority) attesting that the said milk and milk products were subjected to pasteurization or any combination of control measures with equivalent performance as described in the Codex Alimentarius Code of Hygienic Practice for Milk and Milk Products.
Meal and Flour from blood, Meat other than skeletal muscle, or Bones from bovines and water buffaloes	ALLOWED. Additional attestation in the international veterinary certificate (attested and signed by the country of origin's veterinary authority) attesting that: (a) the products were processed using heat treatment to a minimum internal temperature of 65°C for at least 30 minutes, and; (b) the necessary precautions were taken after processing to avoid contact of the commodities with any potential source of LSDV.
Hides of bovines and water buffaloes	ALLOWED. Additional attestation in the international veterinary certificate (attested and signed by the country of origin's veterinary authority) attesting that the products were: (a) derived from animals which had undergone ante- and post-mortem inspections in accordance with Chapter 6.3. with favorable results; and (b) dry-salted or wet-salted for a period of at least 14 days prior to dispatch; or

	<p>(c) treated for a period of at least seven days in salt (NaCl) with the addition of 2% sodium carbonate (Na₂CO₃); or</p> <p>(d) dried for a period of at least 42 days at a temperature of at least 20°C; and</p> <p>(e) the necessary precautions were taken after processing to avoid contact of the commodities with any potential source of LSDV.</p>
Other products of bovines and water buffaloes	<p>ALLOWED. Additional attestation in the international veterinary certificate attesting that the products were processed to ensure the destruction of the LSDV and the necessary precautions were taken after processing to avoid contact of the commodities with any potential source of LSDV.</p>

For your information and compliance.

This **CIRCULAR** takes effect immediately and shall remain in force until revoked in writing. All orders inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 21st day of FEB 2024.

FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL, JR.
 Secretary

