



MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 42
Series of 2024

SUBJECT: TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE (FMD) - SUSCEPTIBLE ANIMALS, THEIR PRODUCTS, AND BY-PRODUCTS ORIGINATING FROM *Republic of Türkiye*

WHEREAS, Book IV Chapter 2 Section 6 and 7 (2) and (4) of Executive Order no. 292, s. 1987 provides the authority and responsibility for the exercise of the mandate of the Department and for the discharge of its powers and functions shall be vested in the Secretary, who shall have supervision and control of the Department, to establish the policies and standards for the operation of the Department pursuant to the approved programs of government and promulgate administrative issuances necessary for the efficient administration of the offices under the Secretary and the proper execution of the laws relative thereto;

WHEREAS, Section 1770 of Act No. 2711 (Revised Administrative Code of 1917) which was adopted by incorporation together with Sections 1761-1769, in Section 5 of Act 3639 (Charter of BAI) empowers the Department Head to issue a general order preventing the entry of animals, animal effects, parts or products from any country with dangerous communicable animal disease;

WHEREAS, based on the official report submitted by the Deputy Minister, General Directorate of Food and Control of the *Republic of Türkiye* to the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) on 13 September 2024, there was an outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in *Cugun, Merkez, Kirsehir* affecting domestic cattle last 09 September 2024 as confirmed by FMD Institute.

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of FMD virus to protect the health of the local animal population;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL JR.**, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby institute the following emergency measures for the importation of FMD - susceptible animals, their products, and by-products from the *Republic of Türkiye*;


1. Banning the importation of FMD - susceptible animals, their products, and by-products;
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) import clearance to the above stated commodities;

3. All shipments coming from the *Republic of Türkiye* that are IN TRANSIT/LOADED/ACCEPTED UNTO PORT before the official communication of this Order to the *Republic of Türkiye* authorities shall be allowed provided that the products were slaughtered/produced on or before 26 August 2024.

4. Shipments which have not complied with the conditions set forth in Item 3 shall be dealt with as per DA AC 06 S. 2022 Article V, Section II. E.;

This **ORDER** shall take effect immediately and shall remain enforced unless revoked in writing. All orders inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 4th day of October 2024.


FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL JR.
Secretary A



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