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MEMORANDUM ORDER No. <u>53</u> Series of 2024

SUBJECT: LIFTING OF THE TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD PIGS, AND THEIR PRODUCTS AND BY-PRODUCTS INCLUDING PORK MEAT, PIF SKIN, AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM Sweden

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture has imposed *DA Memorandum Order No. 64 Series* 2023, temporarily banning the importation of domestic and wild pigs, and their products and by-products including pork meat, pig skin, and semen originating from *Sweden* due to the outbreak of African Swine Fever Virus (ASFV);

WHEREAS, based on the Official self-declaration report of Swedish Veterinary Authorities in the World Organisation Animal Health (WOAH), all ASFV reported events have ended with resolved status and no additional outbreaks after 30 September 2024;

WHEREAS, in accordance to the provisions of Chapter 15.1 of the WOAH Terrestrial Animal Health Code, *Sweden* is now free from ASFV;

WHEREAS, based on the evaluation of the Department of Agriculture (DA), the risk of contamination from domestic and wild pigs, and their products and by-products including pork meat, pig skin, and semen originating from *Sweden* is negligible.

NOW, THEREFORE, this Order is hereby issued to lift the temporary ban on the importation of domestic and wild pigs, and their products and by-products including pork meat, pig skin, and semen originating from *Sweden*.

All import transactions of the above commodities shall be in accordance with existing rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture;

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

Done this 10th day of Northbor 2024.

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