



MEMORANDUM ORDER

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SUBJECT: 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 *Japan*

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 Director of Animal Health Division, Food Safety and Consumer Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of *Japan* to the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) on 15 November 2024, there was an outbreak of Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) in *Maebaru, Fukuoka, Japan* last 05 November 2024 affecting Domestic Cattle as confirmed by National Institute of Animal Health, National Agriculture and Food Research Organization.

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of LSD virus to protect the health of the local cattle and water buffalo 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 live cattle and buffalo, their products and by-products including milk and milk products, embryos, skin and semen derived originating from *Japan*, 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:

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 and 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 (c) treated for a period of at least seven days in salt (NaCl) with the addition of 2% sodium carbonate (Na ₂ CO ₃); or (d) dried for a period of at least 42 days at a temperature of at least 20°C; and (e) the necessary precautions were taken after processing to avoid contact of the commodities with any potential source of LSDV
Other products of bovines and water buffaloes	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.

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

Done this 17th day of DEC. 2024.


FRANCISCO P. TIULA LAUREL JR.
 Secretary



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