



MEMORANDUM ORDER

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SUBJECT: TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF ALL COMMODITIES DERIVED FROM FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE - SUSCEPTIBLE ANIMALS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND BY-PRODUCTS ORIGINATING FROM *Germany*

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 Dr. Katharina Kluge, Head of Directorate of Animal Health and Animal Welfare of *Germany* to the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) on 10 January 2025, there were cases of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) virus in *Hoppegarten, Märkisch-Oderland, Brandenburg, Germany* in domestic buffaloes as confirmed by the Friedrich-Loeffler Institute.

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of the FMD virus to protect the health of the FMD-susceptible 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 *Germany*;

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. In adherence to the WOAH Terrestrial Animal Health Code (TAHC) Article 8.8 (Infection with Foot and Mouth Disease Virus), the following are the set

conditions on the temporary restrictions, subject to the Philippines' import terms and conditions and regulatory requirements:

| Commodity | Conditions |
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| Skeletal Muscle Meat, Casings, Tallow, Hooves and Horns | NOT ALLOWED |
| Live swine, bovines, and water buffaloes (family <i>Suidae</i> , family <i>Bovidae</i> , family <i>Cervidae</i>), including semen | NOT ALLOWED |
| Ultra-high temperature (UHT) milk and derivatives thereof | ALLOWED ^{*a} |
| Heat-treated meat products in a hermetically sealed container with a F ₀ value of 3 or above | ALLOWED* |
| Protein meal, gelatine | ALLOWED* |
| In vivo-derived bovine embryos | ALLOWED ^{*b} |
| Limed hides, pickled pelts, and semi-processed leather | ALLOWED ^{*c} |

*These are considered "safe commodities" and are not included in the temporary restriction, subject to the Philippines' import terms and conditions

^aAdditional 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 (a) originated from herds which at the time of milk collection were not infected or suspected of being infected with FMDV, and comes from milk that has a pH less than 7 or has been tested for FMDV with negative results, and has been heated at a minimum temperature of 72°C for at least 15 seconds; or (b) have been processed to ensure the inactivation of FMDV in accordance with one of the procedures in Article 8.8.39

^bAdditional attestation in the international veterinary certificate (attested and signed by the country of origin's veterinary authority) attesting that the said in vivo derived embryos were collected, processed and stored in accordance with Chapter 4.8;

^cAdditional attestation in the international veterinary certificate (attested and signed by the country of origin's veterinary authority) attesting that the product underwent treatment for at least 28 days with salt (NaCl) containing 2% sodium carbonate (Na₂CO₃)

4. All shipments coming from *Germany* that are **IN TRANSIT/LOADED/ACCEPTED UNTO PORT** before the official communication of this Order to the *German* authorities shall be allowed provided that the products were **slaughtered/produced on or before 26 December 2024** and **TESTED NEGATIVE** for Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) virus upon arrival at the port of entry;
5. 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 10th day of February 2025.


FRANCISCO P. TIW LAUREL JR.
 Secretary