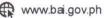


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FROM

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, BAI

SUBJECT

PROHIBITION OF ENTRY OF PORK PRODUCTS FROM THE

PHILIPPINES AND INCREASED PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS IMPOSED

BY THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN

DATE

**NOVEMBER 23, 2020** 

Pursuant to the issuance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), Japan on the amendment on the Act on Domestic Animal Infectious Diseases Control, to prevent entry of highly contagious animal diseases, such as African Swine Fever (ASF) and Foot and Mouth Disease, the following guidelines are hereby adopted:

- 1. Animal products including ham, bacon, jerky, sausage, processed meat products, etc., are prohibited to be brought into Japan regardless of the volume.
- 2. The penalty for the violation against the provision of import and export quarantine such as bringing illegal animal products in Japan is increased as follows:
  - a. In case of an individual, from 1,000,000 yen to 3,000,000 yen
  - b. In case of a corporate body, from 1,000,000 yen to 50,000,000 yen
- 3. Animal quarantine officers are authorized to conduct interviews to passengers of embarkation/disembarkation and to inspect their baggage for animal products and other items. They are also allowed to dispose of illegal animal products and other items upon finding during the inspection, including those found at international parcel inspection. New fines of up to 300,000 yen is established with respect to above violation.

For the information of all.

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