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BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY
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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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TO : **REGIONAL VETERINARY QUARANTINE OFFICERS**
All Veterinary Quarantine Stations

FROM : **THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, DIRECTOR**


SUBJECT : **CONFISCATION OF MEAT PRODUCTS/BY-PRODUCTS
SOURCED FROM DA PROHIBITED IMPORTING COUNTRIES**

All applicable commodities such as meat products and/or meat by-products whether cooked/uncooked, found to have originated from foreign countries included in the List of DA banned or restricted importing countries due to African Swine Fever (ASF), Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD), Avian Influenza and other declared animal disease of concern shall be subject for immediate seizure and confiscation by the Veterinary Quarantine Officer on duty at the VQS port of entry pursuant to Section VII of **DA Administrative Order No. 9 s.2010**.

On the other hand, the entry of meat products/by-products from disease-free countries may be permitted provided these products are accompanied by valid SPS Import Clearance as per DA Administrative Order No. 9 s.2010 and BAI Memorandum dated November 20, 2018. Said commodities should be processed and packed in accordance with relevant Codex guidelines and OIE provisions such as Article 2.2.2 of Terrestrial Animal Health Code so as to be considered "**safe commodities**" e.g. **commercially canned meat products**.

Home-cooked/semi-commercially processed canned/packed and unregistered meat products with Philippine authorities are **not considered as safe commodities thus shall be subject for confiscation**.

For your information, guidance and appropriate action.


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