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TO : ALL CONCERNED QUARANTINE OFFICERS

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

SUBJECT : STRICT BIOSECURITY MEASURES

With the devastating threat of potential incursion of African Swine Fever (ASF) in the Philippines amidst the progressing disease outbreaks in China, Mongolia and Vietnam; strict quarantine measures such as confiscation of unauthorized and undocumented meat and meat products, remain as one of the important measures to prevent entry of the virus. Quarantine personnel directly handling these meat and meat products, which may be possibly contaminated with ASF, could serve as vectors of the virus if left unchecked.

By virtue of this substantial risk, all Quarantine Officers of the National Veterinary Quarantine Services Division (NVQSD) stationed at international airports and seaports are hereby directed to observe strict biosecurity measures including the following:

1. All confiscated pork meat and pork products should be inspected and labeled properly; ensuring samples are collected for submission to the laboratory, prior to application of disinfectant.
2. Gather all samples collected and coordinate its submission to the Animal Disease Diagnostic Reference Laboratory (ADDRL) weekly.
3. Take care that all materials, equipment and clothing in contact with the confiscated meat are properly cleaned, disinfected and stored in a clean, secured and dry area, and that they do not leave the port premises.
4. All quarantine officers **are prohibited from entering swine farm/s within two weeks** from the time they last handled the aforementioned confiscated products.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

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