

MEMORANDUM ORDER No. <u>24</u> Series of 2022

SUBJECT:

LIFTING THE TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF LIVE CATTLE, MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM CATTLE FROM THE UNITED

KINGDOM

WHEREAS, the Philippines has imposed DA Memorandum Order No. 60 Series of 2021 - Temporary Ban on the Importation of Live Cattle, Meat and Meat Products derived from Cattle from the United Kingdom due to the detection of Classical Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) in Somerset, United Kingdom last 17 September 2021;

WHEREAS, the Philippines requested for several documentary requirements from the veterinary authorities of the United Kingdom regarding the profile of BSE positive animals, disease response measures on these outbreaks and their national BSE surveillance activities;

WHEREAS, The United Kingdom provided satisfactory epidemiological investigation and supporting documents regarding the immediate and timely response after the detection of one classical BSE case, extensive national BSE surveillance programme and activities to maintain the negligible BSE risk status;

WHEREAS, based on the relevant information provided by The United Kingdom, there is adequate evidence to show that the risk of importation of cattle and its related commodities is negligible;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. DAR, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby lift the temporary ban on the importation of live cattle, meat and meat products originating from The United Kingdom;

All import transaction of the abovementioned commodities shall be in accordance with existing rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture.

All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

This ORDER shall take effect immediately.

Done this 23rd day of March 2022

WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.

Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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