

Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 65
Series of 2021

SUBJECT: LIFTING THE TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF LIVE CATTLE, MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM CATTLE FROM BRAZIL

WHEREAS, the Philippines has imposed DA Memorandum Order No. 54 Series of 2021 - Temporary Ban on the Importation of Live Cattle, Meat and Meat Products Derived from Cattle from Brazil due to the detection of atypical Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) in the states of Mato Grosso and Minas Gerais, Brazil last 3 September 2021;

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

WHEREAS, Brazil provided supporting documents regarding the immediate and timely response after the detection of two atypical BSE cases, extensive national BSE surveillance programme and activities to maintain the negligible BSE risk status;

WHEREAS, the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) Terrestrial Animal Health Code Article 11.4.1 cited that atypical BSE is a condition believed to occur spontaneously in all cattle populations at a very low rate thus atypical BSE must be excluded in official BSE risk status recognition;

WHEREAS, based on the relevant information provided by Brazil, there is satisfactory evidence to show that the risk of importation of cattle and its related commodities is negligible and Brazil maintains to be officially recognized by OIE with negligible BSE risk status;

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 Brazil thereby allowing the importation of the abovementioned products subject to the following conditions which shall be certified by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply (MAPA):

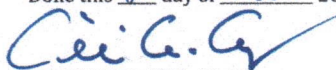
1. Boneless beef except meat from head, industrial, sangria and neck meat can be sourced from cattle of all ages devoid of any nerves and other BSE-specified risk materials (SRM) shall be imported.
2. The boneless beef should come only from healthy ambulatory and not downer cattle.
3. The slaughter date of the cattle or the production date of the beef shall be included in the packaging label.

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 18th day of October 2021


WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.
Secretary

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