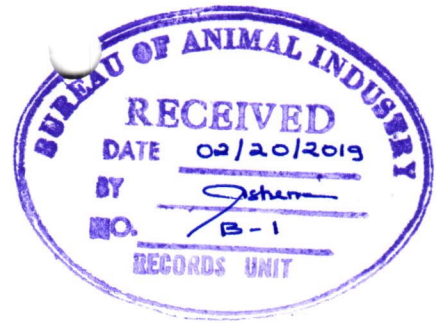




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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF VETERINARY QUARANTINE MEASURES FOR THE PREVENTION OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER (ASF) IN THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) through its National Veterinary Quarantine Services Division (NVQSD) is mandated to set up a quarantine inspection system relative to inter-regional and international movement of animals, and animal products and by-products pursuant to Section 5, Republic Act No. 3639 and Section 26, Executive Order No. 338, Series of 2001, in order to prevent the entry of exotic diseases and the spread of endemic diseases in the country;


WHEREAS, in response to the growing threat of disease introduction and spread of African Swine Fever (ASF) in the region, the Department has issued importation ban of meat products from ASF affected countries and has prohibited the use of catering food wastes/left-overs collected from international and domestic airports and seaports as swill feed pursuant to DA MC 22 s. 2018;

WHEREAS, the recent incidence of ASF in China is a clear indicator of the increasing coverage of the disease in Asia thus there is a need to exercise more vigilance through protection of the borders;

NOW THEREFORE, I, EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL, Secretary of Agriculture, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law do hereby issue this Order directing the Bureau of Animal Industry and other concerned DA Agencies to implement the following:

1. Establishing foot baths in all entry points of the country including cruise ships;
2. Mandatory inspection of vessels docking in Philippine ports with meat supplies/fishermen coming from West Philippine Sea with meat products from China;
3. Close coordination with the Bureau of Customs at all international Air & Sea ports for the conduct of rigid inspection for the check in and hand carried luggages of all incoming passengers from ASF affected countries; and
4. Confiscation and destruction of all pork products within 24 hours coming from China and other countries affected by the ASF.

This Memorandum Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until officially revoked. All orders and memoranda inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked or amended accordingly.


EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL
Secretary

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