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**MEMORANDUM ORDER**

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**TO : ALL REVIEWERS, ENDORSERS AND APPROVER OF SPSIC FOR LIVE ANIMALS, PRODUCTS AND BY PRODUCTS**

**FROM :**   
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Director

**DATE : FEBRUARY 13, 2023**

**SUBJECT : HOLDING IN ABEYANCE THE REVIEW OF SANITARY PHYTOSANITARY IMPORT CLEARANCE (SPSIC) REQUESTS FOR ALL COMMODITIES DERIVED FROM CATTLE ORIGINATING FROM THE NETHERLANDS**

The veterinary authorities of The Netherlands have reported to the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) on February 1, 2023 that there was a case of Atypical Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) (L-type) in *Zuid Beijerland Zuid-Holland* affecting domestic cattle and was confirmed by their National laboratory, the Wageningen Bioveterinary Research (WBVR).

Pursuant to the DA Administrative Order No. 9 Series of 2010, only SPSIC applications from countries with no advisory of disease outbreaks, contaminations and other SPS-related risk shall be approved. Thus, ALL reviewers, endorsers, and approver of the SPSIC for live animals, animal products and by-products are hereby ordered to hold the processing of SPSIC applications of bovine commodities that originate from The Netherlands.

This memorandum is being issued in view of BAI Memorandum 06 Series of 2022, as precautionary measure, to protect the local population of the country against the disease and the risk to consumers due to BSE's assumed link with the variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (vCJD) in humans.

For strict compliance.