



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Agriculture
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY
Visayas Ave., Diliman Quezon City 1101

(+632)8528-2240 director@bai.gov.ph www.bai.gov.ph @bai.gov.ph

MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 07
Series of 2023

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

FROM : 
PAUL C. LIMSON, DVM
Director

DATE : FEBRUARY 28, 2023

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

The veterinary authorities of Spain reported to the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) on 07 February 2023 that there was an outbreak of atypical Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (type H strain) in Pontevedra, Galicia affecting domestic cattle as confirmed by the Laboratorio Central de Veterinaria de Algete.

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 risks shall be approved. Thus, ALL reviewers, endorsers, and approvers 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 Spain.

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.

023 03-07-19