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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 20
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SUBJECT: TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD PIGS AND THEIR PRODUCTS AND BY-PRODUCTS INCLUDING PORK MEAT, PIG SKIN, PORCINE PROCESSED ANIMAL PROTEINS AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM *Singapore*

WHEREAS, Section 6 and 7 (2) and (4) of Executive Order No. 292 provides the authority and responsibility for the exercise of the mandate of the Department and for the discharge of its powers and functions shall be vested in the Secretary, who shall have supervision and control of the Department, to establish the policies and standards for the operation of the Department pursuant to the approved programs of government and promulgate administrative issuances necessary for the efficient administration of the offices under the Secretary and the proper execution of the laws relative thereto;

WHEREAS, Section 1770 of Act No. 2711 (Revised Administrative Code of 1917) which was adopted by incorporation together with Sections 1761-1769, in Section 5 of Act 3639 (Charter of BAI) empowers the Department Head to issue a general order preventing the entry of animals, animal effects, parts or products from any country with dangerous communicable animal disease;

WHEREAS, based on the official report submitted by the Chief Veterinary Officer, Director General of the Animal and Veterinary Services of Singapore to the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) on February 5, 2023, there was an outbreak of African Swine Fever (ASF) in a nature park in North-West Singapore affecting wild board as confirmed by the Centre for Animal and Veterinary Services;

WHEREAS, Singapore is not an accredited country to export any swine related commodities to the Philippines but there is a need to prevent the entry of any ASF-susceptible products originating from Singapore that might enter the country through hand carried products from international vessels or any other possible routes;

WHEREAS, there is a need for regulatory controls through Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures to protect human and animal health;



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NOW, THEREFORE, I, DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN, Senior Undersecretary of the Department of Agriculture, by the power vested in me by law, do hereby institute the following measures for the importation of domestic and wild pigs and their products from Singapore:

1. Banning the importation of domestic and wild pigs and their products, including pork meat, pork skin, and semen;
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) import clearance to the above-stated commodities;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of the above stated commodities into the country by all Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports of entry.

This **ORDER** shall take effect immediately and shall remain enforced unless revoked in writing. All orders inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 6th day of March 2023.

DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN
Senior Undersecretary *ms*



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