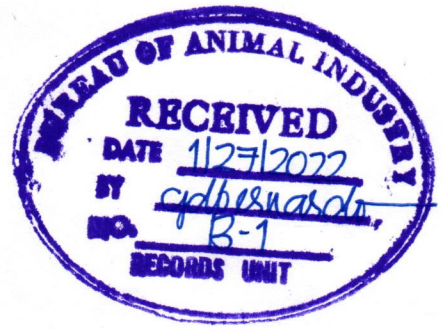




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MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 03
 Series of 2022

SUBJECT: LIFTING THE TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF LIVE CATTLE, MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS AND BOVINE PROCESSED ANIMAL PROTEINS DERIVED FROM CATTLE FROM GERMANY

WHEREAS, the Philippines has imposed DA Memorandum Order No. 68 Series of 2021 - Temporary Ban on the Importation of Live Cattle, Meat and Meat Products and Bovine Processed Animal Proteins derived from Cattle from Germany due to the detection of atypical Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) in the municipality of Kraiburg last 13 October 2021;

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

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

WHEREAS, based on the relevant information provided by Germany, there is satisfactory evidence to show that the risk of importation of cattle and its related commodities is negligible and Germany 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 and bovine processed animal protein originating from Germany thereby allowing the importation of the abovementioned products subject to the following conditions which shall be certified by the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture:

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 othe 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 27th day of January 2022

WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.
 Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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