



MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 24
Series of 2023

SUBJECT: LIFTING THE TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF LIVE CATTLE, MEAT, AND MEAT PRODUCTS, BOVINE PROCESSED ANIMAL PROTEINS AND SEMEN DERIVED FROM CATTLE ORIGINATING IN *Spain*

WHEREAS, the Philippines has imposed DA Memorandum Order No. 21 Series 2023, temporarily banning the importation of live cattle, meat, and meat products, bovine processed animal proteins, and semen derived from cattle originating from Spain due to the outbreak of atypical strain, H-type of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) in Pontevedra, Galicia;

WHEREAS, several documentary requirements were requested by the Philippines to the veterinary authorities of Spain in order to assess the public health control measures applied and implemented;

WHEREAS, based on the official report of Spain, the case has ended with resolved status and no additional outbreaks after last 06 March 2023;

WHEREAS, upon careful evaluation of the submitted documents and relevant information, none of the products from the case of BSE has entered the production system nor has been exported to the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Spanish competent authorities also provided evidence to show that food safety measures are in place in different accredited FMEs and are equivalent to the guidelines established by the Philippines;

WHEREAS, as a country recognized in WOAHP with negligible BSE risk, the acceptance of all in-transit and incoming shipments from Spain may commence provided with verified equivalence and certification from the Spanish Veterinary Authority;

NOW, THEREFORE, this Order is hereby issued to lift the temporary ban on the importation of live cattle, meat, and meat products, bovine processed animal proteins, and semen derived from cattle originating from Spain, and 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orders, rules, and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.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 upon signing.

Done this 28th day of March 2023.


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Senior Undersecretary