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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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SUBJECT: TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF FMD-SUSCEPTIBLE ANIMALS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND BY-PRODUCTS ORIGINATING FROM ISRAEL

WHEREAS, based on the official report submitted to the *Office International des Epizooties* (OIE) last 21 November, 2013 by Dr. Nadav Galon, Director, Veterinary Service and Animal Health, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, there was a confirmed case of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) virus in Israel.

WHEREAS, the FMD outbreak was confirmed last 19 November 2013 in Majdal Shams, Golan, HAZAFON, affecting Cattle herd close to the Syrian border.

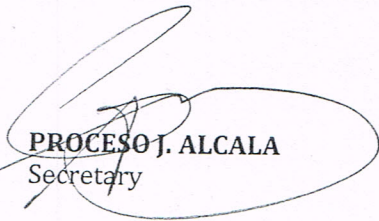
WHEREAS, the FMD virus was identified thru antigen detection (ELISA) and Reverse Transcription-Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) conducted by the FMD Laboratory, Kimron Veterinary Institute (National Laboratory) but the serotype is yet to be identified.

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of FMD-susceptible animals, their products and by-products originating from Israel to protect the health of the local livestock population.

NOW THEREFORE, I, PROCESO J. ALCALA, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby institute the following emergency measures:

1. Banning the importation of FMD-susceptible animals, their products and by-products originating from Israel.
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of applications and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearances (VQC) to import the abovementioned commodities from Israel.
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of FMD-susceptible animals, their products and by-products into the country originating from Israel by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.

This Order shall take effect immediately.


PROCESO J. ALCALA
Secretary

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