

Republic of the Philippines **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Elliptical Road, Diliman

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10 November 2014

MEMORANDUM ORDER No. 96 Series of 2014

SUBIECT:

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

WHEREAS, based on the official report submitted by Dr Letlhogile Modisa, Director, Veterinary Services, Ministry of Agriculture to the Office International des Epizooties last October 29, 2014, there was an outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) virus in Tjaa crush, Tubu, Gumare, Ngamiland, Botswana;

WHEREAS, the outbreak was confirmed to have caused by FMD Virus affecting cattle grazing in communal area in the regularly vaccinated zone;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PROCESO J. ALCALA, Secretary 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 Botswana;
- 2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Import Clearance to import of the above-stated commodities from Botswana by the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI);
- 3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of FMD-susceptible animals, their products and by-products into the country originating from Botswana by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officer/Inspectors at all major ports of entry;

This order shall take effect immediately.

FROCESO J. ALCALA Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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