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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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Subject: **TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF PROCESSED PORCINE ANIMAL PROTEINS ORIGINATING FROM AFRICAN SWINE FEVER (ASF) - INFECTED COUNTRIES**

WHEREAS, Sections 6 and 7 (2) and (4) of Executive Order No. 292 provide 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, World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)-Member countries notify African Swine Fever (ASF) outbreaks in their territories as part of their obligation;

WHEREAS, Memorandum Order No. 18 series of 2018 dated June 27, 2018, Memorandum Order No. 26 dated August 8, 2018, Memorandum Order No. 23, dated August 24, 2018, Memorandum Order No. 30 dated September 14, 2018, and Memorandum Order No. 31 dated September 17, 2018, and Administrative Order No. 1, dated January 16, 1997 banned the importation of porcine and its products;

WHEREAS, evidence supports that consumption of contaminated feed as one of the possible transmission routes of ASF virus (ASFV) to domestic pigs;

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of ASF virus through animal feeds of porcine origin to protect the health of the local swine population;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EMMANUEL F. PINOL, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby institute the following emergency measures for the importation of processed porcine animal proteins originating from ASF-infected countries;

1. Banning the importation of processed porcine/pork meal for animal feed use;
2. Immediate suspension on issuance of Sanitary/Phytosanitary Import Clearance (SPS-IC) for the above – stated commodities;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of the above stated commodities into the country by all Department of Agriculture (DA) Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.

This ORDER shall take effect immediately and shall remain enforced until revoked in writing.

EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL
Secretary

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