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Department of Agriculture
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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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SUBJECT: TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD PIGS AND THEIR PRODUCTS INCLUDING PORK MEAT, PIG SKIN AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM *Hong Kong*

WHEREAS, Section 6 and 7 (2) and (4) of Executive Order No. 292 provides 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, based on the official report submitted by Dr Thomas Sit, Chief Veterinary Officer / Assistant Director (Inspection & Quarantine), Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government, Hong Kong, Hong Kong (SAR - PRC) to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), that there was a case of African Swine Fever (ASF) in Hong Kong (Sheung Shui Slaughterhouse, New Territories) affecting swine as confirmed by the Tai Lung Veterinary Laboratory, Agriculture, Fisheries & Conservation Department (National laboratory);

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of ASF virus to protect the health of the local swine population;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby institute the following emergency measures for the importation of domestic and wild pigs and their products from Hong Kong:

1. Banning the importation of domestic and wild pigs and their products, including pork meat, pig skin and semen;
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) import clearance to the above-stated commodities;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of the above stated commodities into the country by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.
4. Importation of feed ingredients of porcine origin is subject to the conditions provided in Articles 15.1.22 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code, 2018.¹

This ORDER shall take effect immediately.

EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL
Secretary

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¹ Feed ingredients of porcine origin that has undergone recommended heat treatment are acceptable following Chapter 15.1 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (2018), provided that in addition to the Veterinary Health Certificate, the Competent Authority will include in the certification the following:

1. Temperature and the duration of heating of products; and
2. There is no commingling of raw materials with any other materials of animal origin.