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Subject: SAFEGUARD/BIOSECURITY MEASURES FOR PLANT-BASED FEED PRODUCTS, CATEGORIZED AS MEDIUM RISK, IMPORTED FROM AFRICAN SWINE FEVER (ASF) INFECTED COUNTRIES

WHEREAS, Memorandum Order No. 6, series of 2019, temporarily banned the importation of processed porcine animal protein originating from ASF-infected countries;

WHEREAS, there are scientific findings that ASF can be transmitted through plant-based feed products;

WHEREAS, a series of consultations with the stakeholders and private sector were conducted to discuss the safeguard/biosecurity measures for plant-based feed products, categorized as medium risk, imported from African swine fever (ASF) infected countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby institute the following safeguard/biosecurity measures for the importation of plant-based, medium risk feed products originating from ASF-infected countries:

- 1.) Upon arrival of the imported feed product, an ASF declaration form from an independent third party surveyor stating the last outbreak date of ASF from the country of origin must be included with the shipping documents. The outbreak declaration follows OIE announcement/update on ASF outbreaks.
 - a. If the latest outbreak date from the country of origin is more than 2 months or 60 days, product is cleared upon arrival and is free to use. This particularly applies to said products originating from non-Asian countries (e.g. Europe).
 - b. If the latest outbreak date from the country of origin is less than 2 months or 60 days, then quarantine protocol (2) applies.
- 2.) A holding/quarantine period of 20 days shall be observed to commence from the day the feed product was laden on board the carrier vessel, only after which it shall be cleared for utilization.
 - a.) When originating from non-Asian countries (e.g. Europe) where duration of transport takes at least 20 days, the feed product may be utilized following clearance by the quarantine officer from the Port of Entry upon arrival at the consignee's warehouse.
 - b.) When originating from Asia (e.g. China and Vietnam), where the duration of transport is less than 20 days, a 10-day holding/quarantine period shall be applied at the consignee's warehouse following its arrival which shall be certified by the deputized feed control officer.

This ORDER shall take effect immediately.

EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL
Secretary