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MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. <u>**b**7</u> Series of 2020

SUBJECT:

LIFTING THE TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND

WILD PIGS AND THEIR PRODUCTS INCLUDING PORK MEAT AND SEMEN

ORIGINATING FROM Czech Republic

WHEREAS, based on the submitted self-declaration of the recovery of freedom from African swine fever (ASF) in all suids by Dr Zbyněk Semerád, Director General State Veterinary Administration, Ministry of Agriculture, Czech Republic, OIE Delegate for Czech Republic to the World Organisation for Animal Health, that the ASF events affecting wild boars in Czech Republic (with previous temporary banning order: DA MO No. 30, series of 2018) are now closed and resolved;

WHEREAS, in accordance to the provisions of Article 15.1.4 point 2 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (2019), Czech Republic is now free from ASF;

WHEREAS, based on the evaluation of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), the risk of contamination from importing domestic and wild pigs and their products from Czech Republic is negligible;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. DAR, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby lift the temporary ban on the importation of domestic and wild pigs and their products including pork meat and semen originating from Czech Republic.

All import transaction of the above commodities shall be in accordance with existing rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Industry and National Meat Inspection Service.

All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

This ORDER shall take effect immediately.

Done this 28 day of January 2020.

WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.

Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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