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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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SUBJECT: PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES ON THE IMPORTATION OF LIVE CATTLE, BEEF AND THEIR PRODUCTS FROM THE U.S.A.

WHEREAS, there is a confirmatory result from the Veterinary Laboratories Agency in Weybridge England that a cow in the U.S.A. has tested positive for Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE);

WHEREAS, there is scientific evidence that the new variant of Creutzfeldt-Jacob Disease (nvCJD or vCJD) in humans could be transmitted by eating BSE-infected animals;

WHEREAS, the Philippines imports from the USA beef and their products from cattle 30 months and younger, deboned and devoid of Specific Risk Materials (SRMs);


WHEREAS, the USDA has not yet disclosed information on the cohorts of the new BSE case which are suspect cases and should be excluded from the beef exports to the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry, establishment and spread of BSE in the country, for the protection of animal and public healths,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARTHUR C. YAP, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby institute emergency measures on the importation of live cattle, beef and their products from the U.S.A. and prescribe the following precautionary measures:

1. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance/ SPS/ Import Permit for application relevant to the importation of the above-stated commodities from the U.S.A. by the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI);
2. Stoppage of all shipment into the country of the above commodities originating but has not departed from the U.S.A. from June 24, 2005, and
3. The BAI Director may issue guidelines for the effective implementation of this memorandum order.

This **ORDER** shall take effect immediately.


ARTHUR C. YAP
Secretary 