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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
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**MEMORANDUM ORDER**

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**SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF STRICT MEASURES ON THE IMPORTATION OF BEEF TALLOW FROM USA**

**WHEREAS**, there was a reported case of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) or Mad Cow Disease in the USA;

**WHEREAS**, there is increasing scientific evidence that the new variant of Creutzfeldt - Jakob Disease (nvCJD or vCJD) in human could probably be transmitted by eating BSE-affected animals;

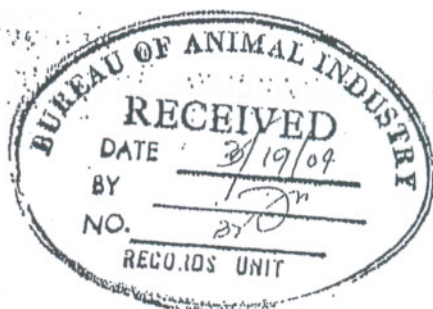
**WHEREAS**, the Philippines imports beef tallow from the USA; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to prevent the entry of BSE into the country.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LUIS P. LORENZO, JR.**, Secretary of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby institute precautionary measures to prevent entry of BSE contaminated tallow from USA, and prescribe the following:

1. The tallow should be protein free with maximum level of insoluble impurities of 0.15% in weight and certified by the USDA or a third party certification company to be accredited by the Philippine Department of Agriculture;
2. All shipments into the country of tallow originating from the USA not complying with these conditions shall be confiscated by all DA Quarantine Inspectors/Officers at all major sea/air ports.

This Order shall take effect immediately.



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LUIS P. LORENZO, JR.  
Secretary

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