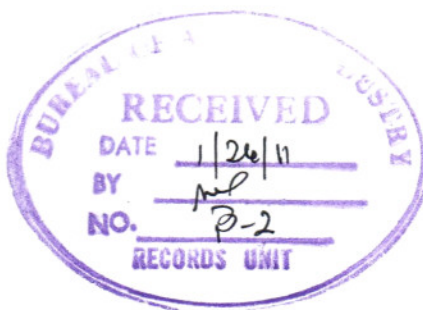




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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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SUBJECT: TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF FMD-SUSCEPTIBLE ANIMALS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND BY-PRODUCTS ORIGINATING FROM BULGARIA

WHEREAS, based on the official report submitted to the Office International des Epizooties last 7 January 2011, by Dr. Tsviatko Alexandrov, Chief Expert and OIE contact point for Bulgaria, there was a confirmed case of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in Bulgaria;

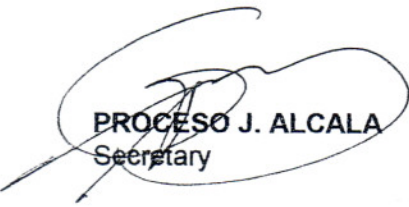
WHEREAS, the FMD was confirmed last 4 January 2011 in three wild boars that were shot during the normal season hunting in an area located at around 2km from the Bulgarian border with the Republic of Turkey;

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of FMD-susceptible animals, their products and by-products originating from Bulgaria to protect the health of the local livestock population;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PROCESO J. ALCALA, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby institute the following emergency measures:

1. Banning the importation of FMD-susceptible animals, their products and by-products originating from Bulgaria;
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC) to Import of the above-stated commodities from Bulgaria by the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI);
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of FMD-susceptible animals, their products and by-products into the country originating from Bulgaria by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.

This Order shall take effect immediately.


PROCESO J. ALCALA
Secretary

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