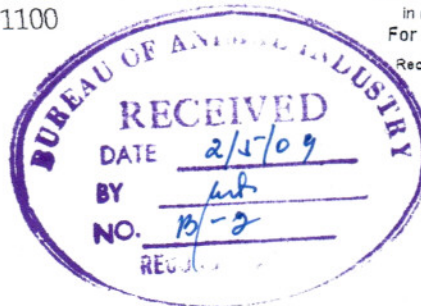


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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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SUBJECT: TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF FMD-SUSCEPTIBLE ANIMALS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND BY-PRODUCTS ORIGINATING FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

WHEREAS, based on the official report submitted by Dr. Yu Kangzhen, National Chief Veterinary Officer, to the Office International des Epizooties last 22 January 2009, there were outbreaks of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in China;

WHEREAS, the FMD outbreaks with serotypes A and Asia 1 were reported in cattle farms in the province of Hubei and Xinjiang, respectively;

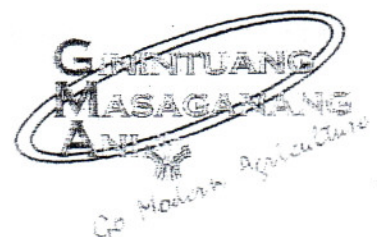
WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of FMD-susceptible animals, their products and by-products originating from the People's Republic of China to protect the health of the local livestock population;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JESUS EMMANUEL M. PARAS, Officer-In-Charge, Office of the Secretary 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 the People's Republic of China;
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 the People's Republic of China 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 the People's Republic of China by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports;

This **Order** shall take effect immediately.

JESUS EMMANUEL M. PARAS
Officer-in-Charge



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