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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 ARGENTINA

WHEREAS, based on the report submitted by Dr. Jorge Nestor Amaya, President, National Agrifood Health and Quality Service (SENASA), Secretariat for Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Food, Buenos Aires, to the Office International des Epizooties last February 8, 2006, there was an outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) of virus type O in Argentina;

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of FMD-susceptible animals, their products and by-products originating from Argentina;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN, 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 Argentina;
2. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of FMD-susceptible animals, their products and by-products from Argentina by all DA Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major seaports and airports.
3. Immediate suspension of the issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC) to import for applications relevant to the importation of the above-stated commodities from Argentina by the Bureau of Animal Industry;

This **Order** shall take effect immediately.

DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN
Secretary