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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 CHINESE TAIPEI (TAIWAN)

WHEREAS, based on the official report submitted to the Office International des Epizooties by Dr. Kwo-Ching Huang, Chief Veterinary Officer and Deputy Director General, Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan, Taipei, Chinese Taipei, there was an outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in Chinese Taipei;

WHEREAS, the FMD virus with serotype O was confirmed last 21 January 2012 in a feeder pig at a quarantine station which were transported from Taiwan Island to Penghu Island;

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

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of FMD and maintain the freedom of the Philippines from this disease;

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 Chinese Taipei;
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application, and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC)/SPS to Import for the above-stated commodities from Chinese Taipei 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 Chinese Taipei 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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