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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 ZIMBABWE

WHEREAS, based on the official report submitted to the *Office International des Epizooties* (OIE) last 27 May 2013 by Dr. Unesu Hidah Ushewokunze-Obatolu of the Division of Livestock and Veterinary Services Ministry of Agriculture, Mechanisation and Irrigation Development Zimbabwe, that there was a confirmed clinical case of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in the Province of Masvingo, District of Chiredzi, Mkwesine, Zimbabwe.

WHEREAS, on 12 April 2013, clinical manifestations suggestive of FMD was noted to have affected a herd of cattle on self contained farm close to a wildlife conservancy with wild buffaloes.

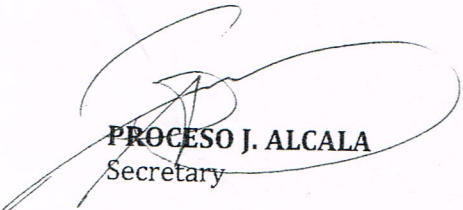
WHEREAS, the FMD virus serotype which have not yet been identified is believed to have been sourced from the wild.

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of FMD-susceptible animals, their products and by-products originating from Zimbabwe to protect the health of our 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 Zimbabwe.
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of applications and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearances (VQC) to import the abovementioned commodities from Zimbabwe.
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of FMD-susceptible animals, their products and by-products into the country originating from Zimbabwe 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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