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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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Subject: **LIFTING THE TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE-SUSCEPTIBLE ANIMALS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND BY-PRODUCTS ORIGINATING FROM MATO GROSSO DO SUL AND PARANA, BRAZIL**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. XVII of the International Committee upon recommendation of the Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) dated May 24, 2008 recognizes the restoration of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) free status with vaccination of the States of Mato Grosso do Sul and Parana, Brazil;

WHEREAS, based on the evaluation of the Bureau of Animal Industry, the risk of contamination from importing FMD-susceptible animals and their products from the Mato Grosso do Sul and Parana is negligible;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ATTY. ARTHUR C. YAP, Secretary of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby lift the temporary ban on the importation of FMD-susceptible animals and their products from the above-mentioned States of Brazil.

All import transactions on the importation of the above products shall be in accordance with the existing rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Industry and National Meat Inspection Service (DA-BAI-NMIS).

All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

This **Order** shall take effect immediately.

ATTY. ARTHUR C. YAP
Secretary