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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To :** ALL DISTRICT COLLECTORS  
ALL PORT COLLECTORS  
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

**From :** **ATTY. EDWARD JAMES A. DY BUCO**  
Deputy Commissioner, AOCG *Ed*

**Subject :** REITERATION ON THE BAN ON IMPORTATION OF  
PORK AND PORK-RELATED PRODUCTS FROM  
AFRICAN SWINE AFFECTED COUNTRIES

**Date :** 19 February 2021



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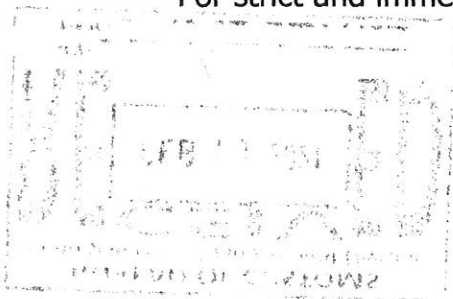
This is to reiterate previous memoranda issued regarding the ban on importation of pork and pork-based products from African Swine Fever (ASF) affected countries. Be informed that the ban on the importation of pork and pork-based products from **Czech Republic** has now been lifted.

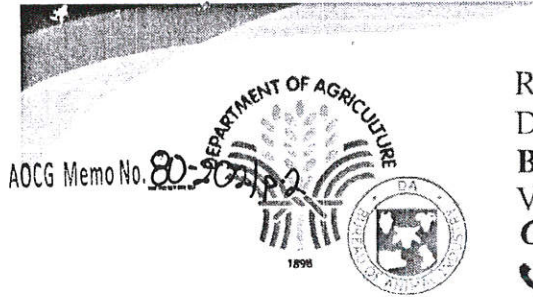
Following is the list of countries affected by ASF:

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| <b>1. Hungary</b>  | <b>10. South Africa</b> | <b>19. Myanmar</b>   |
| <b>2. Latvia</b>   | <b>11. Zambia</b>       | <b>20. Serbia</b>    |
| <b>3. Poland</b>   | <b>12. Vietnam</b>      | <b>21. Slovakia</b>  |
| <b>4. Romania</b>  | <b>13. Cambodia</b>     | <b>22. Zimbabwe</b>  |
| <b>5. Russia</b>   | <b>14. Hong Kong</b>    | <b>23. Indonesia</b> |
| <b>6. Ukraine</b>  | <b>15. Laos</b>         | <b>24. Germany</b>   |
| <b>7. China</b>    | <b>16. Mongolia</b>     | <b>25. Greece</b>    |
| <b>8. Bulgaria</b> | <b>17. North Korea</b>  |                      |
| <b>9. Moldova</b>  | <b>18. South Korea</b>  |                      |

All Districts Collectors and Sub-port Collectors and all others concerned are directed to coordinate with DA-BAI personnel should there be any importation of pork and pork-based products from ASF affected countries, and confiscate and destroy all pork and pork-related products coming from the said countries within 24 hours from interception.

For strict and immediate compliance.





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**Atty. Edward James A. Dy Buco**  
Deputy Commissioner  
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**Subject: AOCG Memo No. 34-2021 (Reiteration on the Ban on Importation of Pork and Pork-Related Products from African Swine Fever Affected Countries and Ban on Importation of Domestic and Wild Birds and their Products from Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza)**

Dear Atty Dy Buco,

The Bureau of Animal Industry appreciates the continuous support extended by the Bureau of Customs in the implementation of disease control measures against transboundary animal diseases to ensure that only meat commodities sourced from disease-free countries can enter within the Philippine borders.

The Assessment Operations and Coordination Group (AOCG) Memo No. 34-2021 issued by your good office reiterated the list of countries affected with African Swine Fever (ASF) and Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI). However, the Bureau has taken note that **Czech Republic and Belgium** are still included in the list of ASF and HPAI affected countries. Please be informed that the Philippines has already lifted the trade embargo to these countries through the issuance of **DA Memorandum Orders 7 and 55 Series of 2020** (see attached files). ✓

In line with this, the Bureau is kindly requesting the assistance of your office to remove Czech Republic and Belgium from this list. Belgium is accredited to export pork to the Philippines, thus, it is expected that there will be incoming consignments of Belgian pork entering in the Philippines in the coming months. Further, in January 2021, several shipments of pork from Belgium have already been cleared by our veterinary quarantine officers after presentation of relevant documentary requirements from the importer.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at director@bai.gov.ph and nvqsd@bai.gov.ph should you need further inquiries.

Thank you very much for your continuous cooperation.

Very truly yours,

  
**REILDRIN G. MORALES, DVM, MVPHMgt.**  
Officer-in-Charge-Director

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January 2020

**MEMORANDUM ORDER**

No. 67  
Series of 2020

**SUBJECT: LIFTING THE TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD PIGS AND THEIR PRODUCTS INCLUDING PORK MEAT AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM *Czech Republic***

**WHEREAS**, based on the submitted self-declaration of the recovery of freedom from African swine fever (ASF) in all suids by Dr Zbyněk Semerád, Director General State Veterinary Administration, Ministry of Agriculture, Czech Republic, OIE Delegate for Czech Republic to the World Organisation for Animal Health, that the ASF events affecting wild boars in Czech Republic (*with previous temporary banning order: DA MO No. 30, series of 2018*) are now closed and resolved;

**WHEREAS**, in accordance to the provisions of Article 15.1.4 point 2 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (2019), Czech Republic is now free from ASF;

**WHEREAS**, based on the evaluation of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), the risk of contamination from importing domestic and wild pigs and their products from Czech Republic is negligible;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. DAR**, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby lift the temporary ban on the importation of domestic and wild pigs and their products including pork meat and semen originating from Czech Republic.

All import transaction of the above commodities shall be in accordance with existing rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Industry and National Meat Inspection Service.

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.

Done this 28 day of January 2020.

  
**WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.**  
Secretary



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**MEMORANDUM ORDER**

No. 55  
 Series of 2020

**SUBJECT: LIFTING THE TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC PIGS AND THEIR PRODUCTS INCLUDING PORK MEAT AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM Belgium**

**WHEREAS**, based on the submitted self-declaration of the recovery of freedom from African swine fever (ASF) in domestic and captive wild pigs by Dr Jean-François Heymans, Director of Veterinary Services, OIE Delegate for Belgium, Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), that there are no documented outbreaks of ASF in domestic and captive wild pigs (previous banning order: DA Memorandum Order 31 series of 2018);

**WHEREAS**, the ASF outbreaks in Belgium have only affected wild boars with the last documented case in March 2020 as reflected in the OIE;

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the provisions of Article 15.1.4 point 3 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (2019), Belgium is now free of ASF;

**WHEREAS**, based on the documents submitted by the veterinary services of Belgium and after thorough evaluation of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), the risk of contamination from importing domestic pigs and their products from Belgium is negligible;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. DAR**, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby lift the temporary ban on the importation of domestic pigs and their products including pork meat and semen originating from Belgium, provided the following conditions are compiled:

Additional attestations on the Veterinary Health Certificate on all exports of pork from Belgium in accordance to Article 15.1.14 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (2019):

- a) the meat comes from animals which were kept in a zone free from ASF since birth or for at least three months;
- b) have been slaughtered in an approved slaughterhouse/abattoir, where they have been subjected with favourable results to ante- and post-mortem inspections in accordance with Chapter 6.3 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (2019)

All import transactions of the above commodities shall be in accordance with existing rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Industry and National Meat Inspection Service.

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.

Done this 26th day of October 2020.

**WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.**  
 Secretary

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