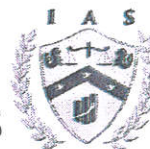




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BUREAU OF CUSTOMS

MANILA 1099  
South Harbor, Gate 3, Port Area, Manila



April 16, 2019

CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR  
NO. 115-2019

To: All Deputy Commissioners  
All Service Directors  
All District/Port Collectors  
All Others Concerned

**SUBJECT: Temporary ban on the importation of domestic and wild pigs and their products including pork meat and semen originating from Mongolia and Vietnam**

With reference to the letter dated April 1, 2019 from Ronnie D. Domingo, DVM, MSc., OIC, Director, National Veterinary Quarantine Service Division, all concerned are informed of the Department of Agriculture Memorandum Order Nos. 02,04 and 05 s. 2019 regarding the temporary ban on the importation of domestic and wild pigs and their products including pork meat, pig skin and semen originating from Mongolia and Vietnam.

The said Memorandum Orders are in support to the risk mitigation measures being implemented to prevent the transboundary of animal diseases with economic impact particularly, African Swine Fever.

For your information and guidance.

For records purposes, please confirm the dissemination of this Circular throughout your offices within fifteen (15) days from receipt.

**REY LEONARDO B. GUERRERO**  
Commissioner, BOC

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**Dear Commissioner Guerrero,**

Respectfully submitting to your office a copy of the Department of Agriculture Memorandum Order Nos. 02, 04 and 05 s. 2019 regarding the temporary ban on the importation of domestic and wild pigs and their products including pork meat, pig skin and semen originating from Mongolia and Vietnam.

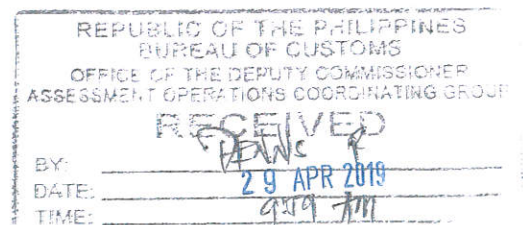
This is in support to the risk mitigation measures being implemented to prevent the entry of transboundary animal diseases with economic impact particularly, African Swine Fever.

Thank you for your support and cooperation to protect the Philippine Livestock industry.

For your information and appropriate action.

Respectfully yours,

**RONNIE D. DOMINGO, DVM, MSc.**  
Officer-In-Charge, Director







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January 25, 2019

**MEMORANDUM ORDER**

No. 02  
 Series of 2019

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

**WHEREAS**, Section 6 and 7 (2) and (4) of Executive Order No. 292 provides the authority and responsibility for the exercise of the mandate of the Department and for the discharge of its powers and functions shall be vested in the Secretary, who shall have supervision and control of the Department, to establish the policies and standards for the operation of the Department pursuant to the approved programs of government and promulgate administrative issuances necessary for the efficient administration of the offices under the Secretary and the proper execution of the laws relative thereto;

**WHEREAS**, Section 1770 of Act No. 2711 (Revised Administrative Code of 1917) which was adopted by incorporation together with Sections 1761-1769, in Section 5 of Act 3639 (Charter of BAI) empowers the Department Head to issue a general order preventing the entry of animals, animal effects, parts or products from any country with dangerous communicable animal disease;

**WHEREAS**, based on the official report submitted by Dr Tumendemberel Dorjnyam, Director General, Chief Veterinary Officer, General Authority for Veterinary Services, Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), that there was an outbreak of African Swine Fever (ASF) in Gahain bair, Rashaant bag, Bulgan soum, Bulgan, Mongolia affecting backyard swine as confirmed by State Central Veterinary Laboratory (National laboratory);

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to prevent the entry of ASF virus to protect the health of the local swine population;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL**, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby institute the following emergency measures for the importation of domestic and wild pigs and their products from Mongolia:

1. Banning the importation of domestic and wild pigs and their products, including pork meat and semen;
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) import clearance to the above-stated commodities;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of the above stated commodities into the country by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.

This ORDER shall take effect immediately.

**EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL**  
 Secretary



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Agriculture  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**  
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February 18, 2019

**MEMORANDUM ORDER**

No. 04  
Series of 2019

**SUBJECT: TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD PIGS AND THEIR PRODUCTS AND BY-PRODUCTS INCLUDING PORK MEAT, PIG SKIN AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM Vietnam**

**WHEREAS**, Section 6 and 7 (2) and (4) of Executive Order No. 292 provides the authority and responsibility for the exercise of the mandate of the Department and for the discharge of its powers and functions shall be vested in the Secretary, who shall have supervision and control of the Department, to establish the policies and standards for the operation of the Department pursuant to the approved programs of government and promulgate administrative issuances necessary for the efficient administration of the offices under the Secretary and the proper execution of the laws relative thereto;

**WHEREAS**, Section 1770 of Act No. 2711 (Revised Administrative Code of 1917) which was adopted by incorporation together with Sections 1761-1769, in Section 5 of Act 3639 (Charter of BAI) empowers the Department Head to issue a general order preventing the entry of animals, animal effects, parts or products from any country with dangerous communicable animal disease;

**WHEREAS**, based on news reports, pork products from Vietnam brought into Taiwan have tested positive for African swine fever virus;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to prevent the entry of ASF virus to protect the health of the local swine population;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL**, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby institute the following emergency measures for the importation of domestic and wild pigs and their products from Vietnam:

1. Banning the importation of domestic and wild pigs and their products, including pork meat and semen;
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) import clearance to the above-stated commodities;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of the above stated commodities into the country by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.
4. Frozen pork meats from accredited establishments already in transit upon the issuance of this Order are allowed to enter the country subject to veterinary quarantine rules and regulations.

This ORDER shall take effect immediately.

**EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL**  
Secretary





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February 27, 2019

**MEMORANDUM ORDER**

No. 05  
Series of 2019

**SUBJECT: TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD PIGS AND THEIR PRODUCTS INCLUDING PORK MEAT, PIG SKIN AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM Vietnam**

WHEREAS, Section 6 and 7 (2) and (4) of Executive Order No. 292 provides the authority and responsibility for the exercise of the mandate of the Department and for the discharge of its powers and functions shall be vested in the Secretary, who shall have supervision and control of the Department, to establish the policies and standards for the operation of the Department pursuant to the approved programs of government and promulgate administrative issuances necessary for the efficient administration of the offices under the Secretary and the proper execution of the laws relative thereto;

WHEREAS, Section 1770 of Act No. 2711 (Revised Administrative Code of 1917) which was adopted by incorporation together with Sections 1761-1769, in Section 5 of Act 3639 (Charter of BAI) empowers the Department Head to issue a general order preventing the entry of animals, animal effects, parts or products from any country with dangerous communicable animal disease;

WHEREAS, based on the official report submitted by Dr Dong Pham Van, Director General, Chief Veterinary Officer, Department of Animal Health, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Hanoi, Vietnam to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE); that there were outbreaks of African Swine Fever (ASF) in Hung Yen and Thai Binh, Vietnam affecting swine as confirmed by the National Center for Veterinary Diagnostics (National laboratory);

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of ASF virus to protect the health of the local swine population;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby institute the following emergency measures for the importation of domestic and wild pigs and their products from Vietnam:

1. Banning the importation of domestic and wild pigs and their products, including pork meat, pig skin and semen;
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) import clearance to the above-stated commodities;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of the above stated commodities into the country by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.
4. Importation of feed ingredients of porcine origin is subject to the conditions provided in Articles 15.1.22 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code, 2018.<sup>1</sup>

This ORDER shall take effect immediately.

**EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL**  
Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> Feed ingredients of porcine origin that has undergone recommended heat treatment are acceptable following Chapter 15.1 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (2018), provided that in addition to the Veterinary Health Certificate, the Competent Authority will include in the certification the following:

1. Temperature and the duration of heating of products; and