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MEMORANDUM

To : ALL DISTRICT COLLECTORS
SUB-PORT COLLECTORS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

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

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

Date : 28 June 2019

The countries affected by African wine Fever (ASF) now includes **Laos**. Copy of Department of Agriculture Memorandum Order on the matter is hereto attached for reference.

All District Collectors, Sub-port Collectors and all others concerned are directed to coordinate with DA-BAI personnel in all international air and sea ports for the conduct of rigid inspection of incoming shipments, including checked-in and hand-carried luggage of all incoming passengers 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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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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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 Laos

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. Somphanh Chanphengxay, Director General, Department of Livestock and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Vientiane, Laos to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), that there were outbreaks of African Swine Fever (ASF) in Toumian, Boumone, Laos affecting backyard swine as confirmed by the National Animal Health Laboratory (NAHL) (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 Laos:

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

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