



MEMORANDUM

**TO : ALL DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS
ALL DISTRICT AND SUB-PORT COLLECTORS
ALL CHIEFS, PIERS INSPECTION DIVISION AND
AIRPORT OPERATIONS DIVISION, OR EQUIVALENT UNITS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

FROM : REY LEONARDO B. GUERRERO
Commissioner

**SUBJECT : HEALTH ALERT/ TEMPORARY BAN OF PORK AND PORK
BASED PRODUCTS FROM JAPAN**

DATE : 11 February 2019



1. In view of the verbal directive of the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture (DA) to temporarily ban entry of pork and pork based products from Japan after confirmed cases of African Swine Fever in the said country, you are hereby directed to closely coordinate with Quarantine Officers of Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) to prevent entry of imported goods possibly contaminated with the African Swine Fever and ensure that boarding formalities are strictly conducted at all ports of entry.
2. All are expected to stringently review all inward foreign manifests and should there be findings of a vessel carrying pork or pork based products from Japan possibly contaminated with African Swine Fever, recommend to the District Collector the following:
 - a) Containers/packages identified as containing goods possibly contaminated with African Swine Fever shall not be discharged from the vessel/aircraft and shall remain on board for return to the country of origin; or
 - b) If public interest and health concerns require, the entry of the vessel/aircraft to any port of entry shall not be permitted.
3. For strict and immediate implementation.