



**MEMORANDUM**

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

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

**Subject :** TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF SYSTEM  
ACCREDITATION FOR ALL GERMAN FOREIGN MEAT  
ESTABLISHMENTS (FMEs) TO EXPORT MEAT INTO  
THE PHILIPPINES

**Date :** 9 July 2019

Transmitted herewith is a copy of DA Memorandum Order No. 18, Series of 2019, on the above-mentioned subject, inviting attention to the emergency measures implemented by the Department of Agriculture on the matter, to wit:

- "1. Temporary suspension of system accreditation of all German FME's to export meat into the Philippine pending the results of the thorough investigation to be conducted by DA;
- 2. Shipments of meat in transit upon the issuance of this Order will be allowed to enter the country subject to 100% physical inspection; and
- 3. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Sanitary and Pytho-sanitary (SPS) import clearance for meat from Germany starting on July 1, 2019."

All District Collectors, Sub-port Collectors and all others concerned are directed to coordinate with DA-BAI personnel.

For strict and immediate compliance.



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July 2, 2019

MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 18  
Series of 2019

**SUBJECT: TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF SYSTEM ACCREDITATION FOR ALL GERMAN FOREIGN MEAT ESTABLISHMENTS (FMES) TO EXPORT MEAT INTO THE PHILIPPINES**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Republic Act 10611 or "Food Safety Act of 2013", the Department of Agriculture (DA) shall be responsible for the development and enforcement of food safety standards and regulations for foods in the primary production and post-harvest stages of the food supply chain. It shall monitor and ensure that the relevant requirements of the law are complied with by farmers, fisherfolks and food business operators;

WHEREAS, the DA, in coordination with other government agencies shall monitor compliance to existing importation protocols for plant, animal and fishery origin and shall formulate and implement measures to address incidents of co-mingling and/or intermingling of such commodities;

WHEREAS, based on the recent joint investigation conducted by the Bureau of Animal Industry and National Meat Inspection Service it was determined that there indeed was co-mingling of pork flat bones from Poland which is an African Swine Fever (ASF) affected country with the legitimate importation from Germany;

WHEREAS, relative to this incident, there has been lapses in the inspection system of Germany to ensure export of safe food for the Philippine market;

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

WHEREAS, this temporary suspension is for the protection of Philippine consumers pursuant to Food Safety Act;

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 meat from Germany:

1. Temporary suspension of system accreditation of all German FMES to export meat into the Philippines pending the results of the thorough investigation to be conducted by DA;
2. Shipments of meat in transit upon the issuance of this Order will be allowed to enter the country subject to 100% physical inspection; and
3. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Sanitary and Phyto-sanitary (SPS) import clearance for meat from Germany starting on July 1, 2019.

This ORDER shall take effect immediately.

EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL  
Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
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