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CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 199 - 2018

To: All Deputy Commissioners
All Directors and Division Chiefs
All District/Port Collectors
All Appraisers and Examiners
All Others Concerned

Subject: Department of Agriculture (DA) Memorandum Order (MO) Nos. 22 and 23, Series of 2018

Attached are copies of DA MO Nos. 22 and 23, Series of 2018, entitled: **"PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF CATERING FOOD WASTES/LEFT-OVERS FROM INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC AIRPORTS AND SEAPORTS AS SWINE SWILL FEED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY"** and **"TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD PIGS AND THEIR PRODUCTS INCLUDING PORK MEAT AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM *Latvia, Poland, Romania, Russia, Ukraine and China*"**, respectively, issued on August 30, 2018. These MOs were issued to avoid the outbreak of **African Swine Fever (ASF)** and **Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD)** in the country.

All customs officials, examiners, and collectors in all major ports of entry are, therefore, instructed **(1) to oversee the proper disinfection and disposal of catering food wastes/left-overs** and **(2) ensure red lane classification of all meat and meat product shipments coming from ASF affected countries.**

For your information and guidance.

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

Isidro S. Lapeña


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Commissioner

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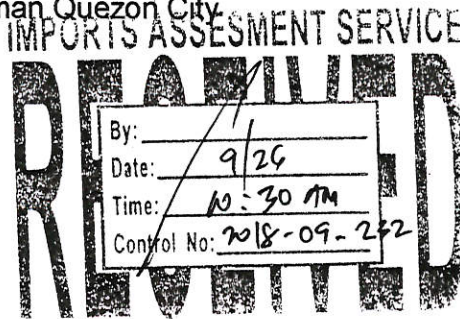


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COMM. ISIDRO S. LAPEÑA
 Bureau of Customs
 Port Area, Manila



Dear Commissioner Lapeña:

We would like to inform you that the Department of Agriculture (DA) issued Memorandum Order (MO) Nos. 22 and 23, series of 2018 last August 30, 2018 providing for the following: (1) prohibition on the collection and use of food wastes/leftovers from international and domestic airports and seaports for swine swill feed throughout the country; and (2) imposing a temporary ban on the importation of domestic and wild pigs, their products including pork meat and semen coming from the People's Republic of China, Latvia, Poland, Romania, Ukraine, and Russia. These MOs were issued to avoid the outbreak of African Swine Fever (ASF) and Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) in the country.

Further to this, DA MO No 23 also prescribes the following measures for meat and animal products coming from the above-mentioned ASF-infected countries:

1. Immediate suspension of the issuance of sanitary and phytosanitary clearance (SPSIC) for these commodities;
2. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of these commodities into the country by DA Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports of entry; and
3. Confiscation of all meat and meat products brought in by arriving passengers from the above-mentioned countries.

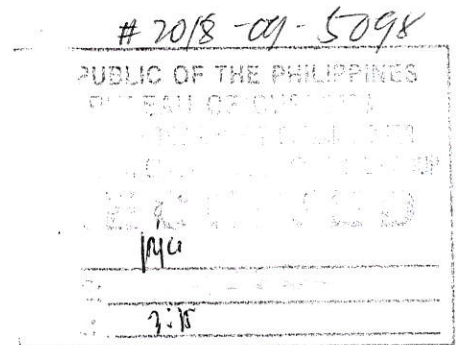
In this regard, may we request your office to issue an alert bulletin to all customs officials, examiners, and collectors in all major ports of entry to oversee the proper disinfection and disposal of catering food wastes/left-overs and ensure red lane classification of all meat and meat product shipments coming from the ASF affected countries. We urgently need your cooperation as we need to prevent the entry of this deadly disease into our country in order to protect the health of our local swine population.

For your ready reference, attached herewith is a copy of Memorandum Order Nos. 22 and 23, series of 2018.

Thank you and kind regards.

Very truly yours,

EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL
 Secretary





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August 30, 2018

MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 22

Series of 2018

SUBJECT: PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF CATERING FOOD WASTES/LEFT-OVERS FROM INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC AIRPORTS AND SEAPORTS AS SWINE SWILL FEED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY


WHEREAS, the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) through its National Veterinary Quarantine Services Division (NVQSD) is mandated to set up a quarantine inspection system relative to inter-regional and international movement of animals, and animal products and by-products pursuant to Section 5, Act No. 3639 and Section 26, Executive Order No. 338, Series of 2001, in order to prevent the entry of exotic diseases and the spread of endemic diseases in the country;

WHEREAS, the risk of introduction of potentially infectious disease pathogens such as African Swine Fever (ASF) and Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) through catering food wastes/left-overs collected from international and domestic airports and seaports that are used for swill feeding posed a grave threat to the local swine industry. Animal disease pathogens are quite resistant to high and low temperatures in meat-based food preparations thus, swill feeding is considered to be one important route of disease introduction in the country;

WHEREAS, the collection, handling, monitoring and disposal of catering food wastes/left-overs from international and domestic ports are covered in Republic Act 9003 series of 2001, a law governing ecological solid waste management. These facilities are also equipped with their own sewage treatment plants which properly treat effluents in accordance to Philippines standards. A waste disposal log is kept by the accredited waste collector for monitoring purposes.

NOW THEREFORE, I, EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL, Secretary of Agriculture, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law do hereby issue this Order prohibiting the use of catering food wastes/left-overs from international and domestic airports and seaports for swill feeding of local swine throughout the country. Further, the Veterinary Quarantine Officers (VQOs) assigned at various Veterinary Quarantine Stations are directed to oversee and monitor that the airports and seaports both domestic and international follow the proper disinfection and disposal of catering food wastes and left-overs including catering garbage.

This Memorandum Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until officially revoked. All orders and memoranda inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked or amended accordingly.


EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL
Secretary

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August 30, 2018

MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 23
Series of 2018

SUBJECT: TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD PIGS AND THEIR PRODUCTS INCLUDING PORK MEAT AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM Latvia, Poland, Romania, Russia, Ukraine and China

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 reports submitted to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), that there were several outbreaks of African Swine Fever (ASF) in Latvia, Poland, Romania, Russia, Ukraine and China affecting domestic and wild pigs;

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 the above mentioned countries:

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. Confiscation of all meat and meat products brought in by the arriving passengers from the above-mentioned countries.

This ORDER shall take effect immediately.

EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL
Secretary