



**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

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**SUBJECT: LIFTING THE BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF PROCESSED ANIMAL PROTEINS FROM ITALY**

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**WHEREAS**, the Department of Agriculture is mandated to regulate and control the manufacture, importation, labeling, advertising and sale of livestock and poultry feeds as per **RA 1556 of 1956** (As amended by PD 7) to safeguard the health of the animals and the consumers;

**WHEREAS**, Processed Animal Protein (PAP) is an essential ingredient produced from Category 3 material that provides a local source of proteins for animal feeds;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Agriculture issued Memorandum Order No. 06 on March 8, 2019, restricting the entry of animal feeds of porcine origin from countries affected with African Swine fever (ASF);

**WHEREAS**, the temporary ban in the entry of live swine and their products, including pork meat, pig skin, processed animal proteins, and semen from Italy, was issued as per Department of Agriculture Memorandum Order No. 05 (January 31, 2022) due to reported outbreaks of African Swine Fever (ASF) in wild boars;

**WHEREAS**, the Italian authorities are interested to export PAP particularly pork/porcine meal, blood meal, among others, to the Philippines assuring that this commodity has undergone the necessary heat treatment sufficient to destroy the ASF virus;

**WHEREAS**, based on the Department of Agriculture Import Risk Assessment (IRA), the likelihood that ASF virus would enter the country through PAPs is assessed to be low while the likelihood of exposure of susceptible animals is estimated to be very low, since strict EU measures are in place, and the PAP has undergone a thermal treatment of at least  $> 130^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 20 minutes. The overall risk estimate for ASF entry is low and risk management measures may be considered further to mitigate any possible risk for implementation;

**WHEREAS**, the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) Terrestrial Animal Health Code (TAHC) provides that ASF virus in meat is inactivated by heat treatment for at least 30 minutes at a minimum temperature of  $70^{\circ}\text{C}$ , which should be reached throughout the meat; or any equivalent heat treatment which has been demonstrated to inactivate ASF virus in meat;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, this Memorandum Circular is hereby issued, lifting the temporary ban on the importation of PAP from Italy. The following measures shall cover the importation of PAP:

1. Porcine PAPs have been processed in a facility approved for export purposes and that necessary precautions were taken to avoid contact of the product with any source of ASF virus.
2. Only processed animal proteins from by-products of animals fit for human consumption Category 3 materials following Article 10 EU Control Regulation 1069/2009 and processed in accordance with WOA, Codex and/or other international acceptable standards shall be exported to the Philippines.
3. The porcine PAPs shall be monitored through proper coordination and reporting from their corresponding exporters.

All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

Done this 28th day of December 2022.

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