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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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SUBJECT: TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF POULTRY MEAT/PORK AND THEIR PRODUCTS, EGGS, MILK, GELATINE AND PROCESSED ANIMAL PROTEINS ORIGINATING FROM GERMANY

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Animal Industry has received reports that batches of fatty acids from a biodiesel company which was intended to be used for the paper industry, got mixed with fat for the production of feeds;

WHEREAS, the said feed fat was delivered and sold to manufacturers and was incorporated in feeds for poultry and swine;

WHEREAS, the feed fat was suspected contaminated with dioxin;

WHEREAS, dioxin refers to a group of toxic chemical compounds that are highly soluble in fats which enters the food chain through contaminated feeds and transferred into food of animal origin;

WHEREAS, dioxin can have adverse effects in humans such as severe reproductive and developmental problems, ability to damage the immune system and interfere with hormonal systems and can cause cancer;

WHEREAS, there is a need to protect the life and health of our human and livestock population by preventing the entry of food and feeds contaminated with dioxin;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PROCESO J. ALCALA, Secretary of Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby institute the following emergency measures:

1. Banning the importation of poultry meat/pork and their products, eggs, milk, gelatine and processed animal proteins from Germany;
2. Immediate suspension on the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance/SPS Certificate/Import Permit importation of the above-mentioned products;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of the above-mentioned products originating from Germany by all DA-Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports of the country.

For products that are already in transit or scheduled for loading at the port of entry, the following conditions shall be required:

1. A Certificate of Analysis indicating negative result on dioxin contamination in the product shall accompany the product to be shipped, and shall be authenticated by the competent authority of the Federal Government of Germany;
2. In addition, a Certificate of Analysis issued by an international third-party laboratory with headquarter in the Philippines shall be required indicating negative result on dioxin contamination; and
3. A copy of the Bill of Lading shall be required for products awaiting loading at the port of origin.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

[Signature]
PROCESO J. ALCALA
Secretary

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