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TO: **ALL COURIER SERVICE COMPANIES**

FROM: **DA SECRETARY**

SUBJECT: **ACCEPTANCE AND SHIPMENT OF CANNED MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS FROM ASF AFFECTED COUNTRIES**

Whereas, the Philippines Competent Authorities are on heightened alert due to looming threat of potential incursion of African Swine Fever (ASF) due to continuing and spreading disease outbreaks in Asia;

Whereas, the Department of Agriculture has issued importation ban for live domestic and wild pigs and their products including pork meat and semen from affected countries namely Belgium, Bulgaria, China, Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russia, South Africa, Ukraine, Zambia, Mongolia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Hongkong and North Korea as a proactive measure. Furthermore, all arriving agricultural commodities from restricted countries are subject to immediate stoppage, confiscation and destruction by the Veterinary Quarantine Officers (VQO) at the border of entry for proper disposal;

Whereas, the Food and Drug Administration, in support of the DA also issued directives ordering the temporary ban on entry of meat and meat products from ASF affected countries pursuant to Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Order No. 2018-133, and instructing recall and seizure of imported pork from ASF affected countries for distribution, sale, transfer or donation as per DOH-FDA Order No. 2019-046;

Whereas, there is a need to cover other identified pathway for the entry and spread of the said disease, such as the transport or shipment of meat and meat products including canned meat from ASF affected countries, through the Courier Services as the risk of introduction of ASF is high due to unregulated movement of products;

NOW THEREFORE, I, EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL, Secretary of Agriculture, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby issue this Circular enjoining ALL COURIER SERVICE COMPANIES to stop accepting canned meat and meat products for shipment if the products came from above-listed ASF affected countries to complement and strengthen the coherent efforts of various agencies in preventing the entry of African Swine Fever Virus in the country.

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

EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL
Secretary

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