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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF VETERINARY QUARANTINE MEASURES FOR THE CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER (ASF) IN MINDANAO

WHEREAS, the 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 together with their documentation and issuance of permit and commodity clearance pursuant to Section 5, Act No. 3639 and Section 26, Executive Order No. 338, Series of 2001;

WHEREAS, the recent confirmation of first ASF disease case in the island of Mindanao indicates the unrelenting spread of the virus amid strict observance and implementation of movement restrictions for live swine and its commodities from the island of Luzon to Visayas and Mindanao;

WHEREAS, there is a need to contain its spread in disease free areas to protect the local swine population;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. DAR, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby issue this Order directing the Bureau of Animal Industry and other concerned DA Agencies to implement the following:

1. Establishing CHECKPOINTS on 24/7 operations with disinfection facilities such as foot baths/foot mats and disinfection equipments –knapsack or power sprayer in all entry points in Mindanao;
2. Mandatory inspection of vessels docking in Mindanao ports with meat products from ASF affected zones and countries;
3. Close coordination with the Local Government Units for the establishment and maintenance of checkpoints and Bureau of Customs and Philippine Ports Authority at all international and domestic air and seaports for the inspection of checked in and hand carried luggage of all incoming passengers from ASF affected zones and countries;
4. Confiscation and immediate destruction of all pork products from ASF affected zones and countries.

Done this 14 day of Feb. 2020.


WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.
Secretary

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