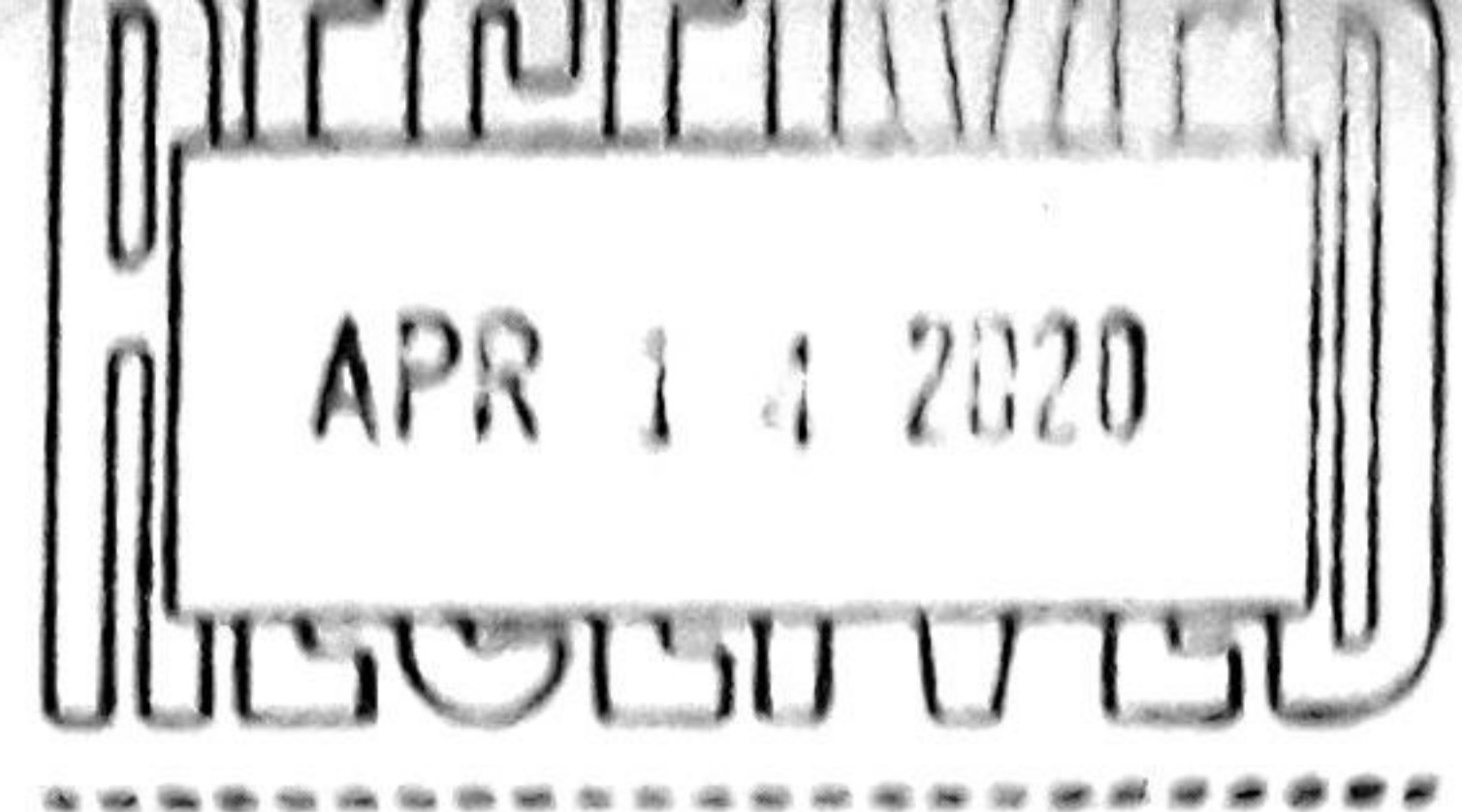




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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 18
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SUBJECT: TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD PIGS AND THEIR PRODUCTS AND BY-PRODUCTS INCLUDING PORK MEAT, PIG SKIN AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM Greece

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 report submitted by Mrs Chrysoula Dile, Head, Animal Health Directorate, Ministry of Rural Development and Food, Athens, Greece to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) on 06 February 2020, that there was an outbreak of African Swine Fever (ASF) in Serres_1, Kentriki Makedonia affecting backyard swine as confirmed by Department of Molecular Diagnostics, FMD, Virological, Rickettsial and Exotic diseases, Athens Veterinary Center, Ministry of Rural Development and Food (National laboratory);


WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of ASF virus to protect the health of the local swine population;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D, 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 Greece:

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.

This **ORDER** shall take effect immediately.

Done this 20th day of March 2020.


WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.
Secretary

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