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SUBJECT: AUTHORITY FOR EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF GOODS, SERVICES AND OTHER RELATED EXPENDITURES IN SUPPORT TO PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER (ASF) IN THE COUNTRY

African Swine Fever (ASF) continues to affect the swine production sector of the Philippines with no vaccine and no known cure to date. To date, the virus has affected a total of 12 Regions, 46 Provinces, 500 Cities/Municipalities and 2624 barangays with a cumulative total of 471,416 killed and disposed animals.

Per PSA data from January 2020, the standing population of hog is at 12,700,000. In January of 2021, this was reduced to 9,700,000, or a contraction of about 24.1% equivalent to about 3,000,000 hogs. In the contracted population of 3,000,000 heads, about 10% or 300,000 are breeders, which are capable of producing about 5,500,000 pigs, which at a market value of Php 10,000 per head at grow-out size of 100kg/head, will give an estimated loss of 85 Billion pesos.

In the recent full council meeting of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), it was unanimously decided that the council recommend to the President the declaration of a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines for a maximum period of one (1) year, unless earlier lifted, due the spread and effect of African Swine Fever; and to enjoin all government agencies and local government units to render full assistance to and cooperation with each other and mobilize the necessary resources to undertake critical, urgent, and appropriate response aid and measures in a timely manner to curtail and arrest the spread of African Swine Fever.

in the exigency of the service, and in order to control further spread of ASF in the affected areas and to prevent incursion in the ASF Free Zones, authority is hereby given to the Bureau of Animal Industry for emergency purchase of goods, services and other related expenditures in accordance to the provisions of the Procurement Law (Republic Act 9184).

For your compliance and guidance.

Done this 6th day of May 2021.


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Secretary

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