

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

No. 15 Series of 2022

SUBJECT

: REINSTITUTION OF TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF THE VALIDITY OF SPS IMPORT CLEARANCES FOR IMPORTED MEAT FROM SIXTY (60) DAYS TO NINETY (90) DAYS

WHEREAS, Department of Agriculture (DA) Administrative Order (AO) No. 09, Series of 2010, designated the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) as the issuing agency of SPS Import Clearances (SPSICs) for animals, animal feeds and feed ingredients, animal products and by-products including meat and meat products;

WHEREAS, the DA has issued AO No. 11, Series of 2022, regarding the revocation of DA AO No. 2, Series of 2022, temporarily extending the validity of SPS Import clearances for imported meat from sixty (60) days to ninety (90) days brought about by the gradual easing of current global COVID-19 situation:

WHEREAS, re-introduction of measures to prevent the spread of new variants of COVID-19 has affected operations in alternative ports resulting to shipping vessels operating at partial capacity subsequent to delays and extended period of voyage;

WHEREAS, major international shipping lines, which represent 80% of the overall container trade, reported that at least 30% of its sailings will be blocked for Chinese companies in the next few months due to an increased demand for their commodities, thus delaying the entire logistics chain of meat commodities to the Philippines;

WHEREAS, there is an imminent threat of a global food crisis warranting the need to ensure the overall food supply and security of the country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. DAR, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby order the promulgation of the following guidelines:

REINSTITUTION OF TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF THE VALIDITY OF SPS IMPORT CLEARANCES FOR IMPORTED MEAT FROM SIXTY (60) DAYS TO NINETY (90) DAYS.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until revoked in writing. All other memoranda and issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 1th day of June 2022.

WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.

Secretary

ıt Philippines

with empowered and prosperous farmers and fisherfolk

