



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 59
Series of 2022

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZING THE IMPORTATION OF PROCESSED ANIMAL PROTEINS (PAPs) FROM AFRICAN SWINE FEVER (ASF) – AFFECTED COUNTRIES SOLELY FOR AQUATIC FEED USE

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture issued Memorandum Order No. 06 on March 8, 2019, banning the importation of processed porcine/pork meal for animal feed use from countries affected with African Swine Fever (ASF);

WHEREAS, aquaculture is one of the biggest contributors to the Philippine economy with more than two million registered fisherfolk nationwide and that to sustain the local aquaculture industry, adequate supply of feed products such as Processed Animal Proteins (PAPs), used as raw material in the aquaculture feed manufacture is crucial;

WHEREAS, based on the Import Risk Assessment (IRA) conducted by the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) for PAPs, the risk of entry of the virus through the import of PAPs from ASF-affected countries is considered to be medium while the risk of exposure is estimated to be low;

FURTHER, the World Organisation for Animal Health Terrestrial Animal Health Code Article 15.1.23 stipulates that ASF virus is inactivated when meat has been subject to heat treatment for at least 30 minutes at a minimum temperature of 70°C. Therefore, the risk of transmission of ASF virus through the inclusion of PAPs in aquatic feed diets is low, given that the feed ingredient is subjected to several manufacturing processes with a temperature sufficient to inactivate the ASF virus;

WHEREAS, to prevent further serious impact on the aquaculture sector, H.E. Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. President and concurrent Secretary of Agriculture authorized the Bureau of Animal Industry to prescribe the guidelines on the importation of porcine PAPs from countries affected with ASF, as alternative source of this commodity;

NOW THEREFORE, this Order is hereby issued to allow the importation of Processed Animal Proteins from African Swine Fever (ASF) – Affected Countries **solely for aquatic feed use**, following **Memorandum Circular No. 34 Series of 2022**, “Guidelines on the Importation of Processed Animal Proteins from Countries Affected with African Swine Fever for Aquatic Feed Use”, issued by the Bureau of Animal Industry.

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All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

This **ORDER** shall take effect immediately.

Done this 5th day of August 2022



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