



MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 26
Series of 2023

SUBJECT: LIFTING THE TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF LIVE CATTLE, MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS, BOVINE PROCESSED ANIMAL PROTEINS AND SEMEN DERIVED FROM CATTLE ORIGINATING IN *The Netherlands*

WHEREAS, the Philippines has imposed DA Memorandum Order No. 16 Series 2023, temporarily banning the importation of live cattle, meat and meat products, bovine processed animal proteins and semen derived from cattle originating from The Netherlands due to the outbreak of atypical strain, L-type of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) in Zuid Holland;

WHEREAS, several documentary requirements were requested by the Philippines to the veterinary authorities of The Netherlands in order to assess the public health control measures applied and implemented;

WHEREAS, based on the official report of The Netherlands in the WOA, the case has ended with resolved status and no additional outbreaks after last 13 March 2023;

WHEREAS, upon careful evaluation of the submitted documents and relevant information, none of the products from the case of BSE has entered the production system nor has been exported to the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Dutch competent authorities also provided evidence to show that food safety measures are in place in different accredited FMEs and are equivalent to the guidelines established by the Philippines;

WHEREAS, as a country recognized in WOA with negligible BSE risk, the acceptance of all in-transit and incoming shipments from The Netherlands may commence provided with verified equivalence and certification from the Dutch Veterinary Authority;

NOW, THEREFORE, this Order is hereby issued to lift the temporary ban on the importation of live cattle, meat and meat products, bovine processed animal proteins and semen derived from cattle originating from The Netherlands, and shall be in accordance with existing rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture;

All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.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

Done this 28th day of March 2023.


DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN
Senior Undersecretary