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## MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 06  
Series of 2024

**SUBJECT: TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF LIVE CATTLE AND BUFFALO, THEIR PRODUCTS AND BY-PRODUCTS INCLUDING MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS, EMBRYOS, SKIN AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM *Thailand, Russia, South Korea, and Libya***

**WHEREAS**, it shall be the utmost objective of the Government to protect its borders and territories from the entry, establishment and spread of animal diseases that may be introduced by the importation of disease-carrying, contaminated, and/or adulterated meat and/or meat products, and skin which endanger the health/safety of animals and life and potentially cause serious economic consequences;

**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 reports submitted to the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) from November 2023 to December 2023 that there were outbreaks of Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) in *Thailand, Russia, South Korea, and Libya* affecting cattle and buffaloes;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to prevent the entry of LSD virus to protect the health of the local cattle and buffalo population;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, this Order is hereby issued to institute the following emergency measures for the importation of live cattle and buffalo, their products and by-products including milk and milk products, embryos, skin and semen derived from cattle and buffalo from *Thailand, Russia, South Korea, and Libya*:



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including milk and milk products, embryos, skin and semen derived from cattle and buffalo from *Thailand, Russia, South Korea, and Libya*:

1. Banning the importation of live cattle and buffaloes including milk and milk products, embryos, skin 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. Importation of live cattle and buffalo, their products and by-products including milk and milk products, embryos, skin and semen should adhere to the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) recommendations for importation Article 11.9
4. Shipments that have not complied with the conditions outlined in Item 3 shall be dealt with as per Administrative Circular 6 series of 2022, Article V, Section II. E;
5. More rigorous and tight inspection on all arrivals of milk and milk products, including embryos, skin and semen derived from cattle and buffalo including live animals by DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers assigned at ports of entry shall be conducted.

This **ORDER** shall take effect immediately and shall remain enforced unless revoked in writing. All orders inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 2024.

  
**FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL, JR.**  
Secretary



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