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MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 26
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SUBJECT: TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF LIVE GOATS FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

WHEREAS, Book IV Chapter 2 Section 6 and 7 (2) and (4) of Executive Order No. 292, s. 1987 (Administrative Code of 1987) 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, the recent importation of live goats from the United States of America tested positive for the *Coxiella burnetti* (Q fever) on June 19, 2024, using series of diagnostic tests by the Department of Agriculture; said animals were delivered and remain confined in an identified area;

WHEREAS, Q fever is a notifiable zoonotic disease listed under Article 1.3.1 of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH);

WHEREAS, this is the first officially confirmed case of Q fever in imported goats;

WHEREAS, there is no effective treatment nor vaccination available in the country for the animals thus, there is a need to institute radical measures to contain the spread of this outbreak to protect the local ruminant industry and the health of the general public;



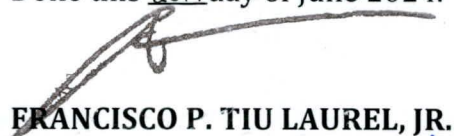
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NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL, JR., Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby institute the following emergency measures for the importation of live goats from the United States of America;

1. Banning the importation of live goats;
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) import clearance to the above stated commodity;
3. All approved yet unused SPSIC for goats coming from USA are deemed cancelled upon the issuance of this Memorandum;
4. All goat shipments coming from the United States of America that are IN TRANSIT/ LOADED/ ACCEPTED UNTO PORT before the official communication of this Order to the American authorities shall be allowed subject to quarantine rules and testing requirements;
5. Shipments which have not complied with the conditions set forth in Item 4 shall be dealt with as per DA AC 06 S. 2022 Article V, Section II. E.;

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

Done this 20th day of June 2024.


FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL, JR.
Secretary



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