



MEMORANDUM ORDER

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SUBJECT: MORATORIUM ON THE TESTING OF PORCINE PROCESSED ANIMAL PROTEINS (PAP) COMING FROM AFRICAN SWINE FEVER (ASF) AFFECTED COUNTRIES AT THE PORTS OF ENTRY IN THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) is mandated to regulate and control the manufacture, importation, labelling, advertising and sale of livestock and poultry feeds pursuant to Republic Act No. 1556 otherwise known as the "Livestock and Poultry Feeds Act";

WHEREAS, DA Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 19 series of 2023 provides the guidelines on the testing of porcine PAP from ASF-affected countries as a form of risk management in preventing the entry of the ASF virus;

WHEREAS, the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) has recently categorized protein meals as safe commodities and can therefore be traded safely as stated in the WOAH Terrestrial Animal Health Code Article 15.1.2;

WHEREAS, based on the policy review using information from recent inspection missions and a more detailed risk assessment conducted by BAI on the entry of ASF from PPAP sourced from ASF-affected countries, the probability of occurrence is moderate while the consequence assessment is low;

WHEREAS, since 2023, all PPAP samples sourced from ASF-affected countries tested by BAI for ASF virus yielded negative results;

WHEREAS, PPAP has undergone extreme temperatures enough to inactivate the ASF virus in animal by-products used for production;

WHEREAS, based on scientific studies, prolonged storage or feed quarantine can potentially prevent viral spread as it allows virus to naturally decay, thereby reducing infective viral load within the feed over time;

WHEREAS, the duration of storage in the country of origin—typically European and South American nations—and the transport period to the Philippines which is more than 30 days satisfies the recommended "quarantine period" for feeds;


NOW THEREFORE, in the exigency of service and in view of the abovementioned statements, a moratorium on the testing of PPAP sourced from ASF-affected countries is being issued provided the following measures will be taken:

1. Export health certificates of PPAP shall include attestations such as, but not limited to the following:
 - a. PPAP are sourced from animal by-products fit for human consumption and has been processed at temperature and time duration in accordance with internationally acceptable standards;
 - b. Animal by-products used for PPAP production are sourced from animals free from any transboundary and infectious animal diseases
 - c. Rendering plants regularly comply with GMP and/or HACCP certification bodies.
2. Documentary requirements for the importation of PPAP and/or any feed ingredients shall follow the provisions of DA Administrative Circular 6, Series of 2022. The documents cited in this Circular shall be presented at the port of entry for review, validation, and evaluation of veterinary quarantine officers.
3. All other procedures relative to the inspection of shipments prior to clearance at the ports of entry shall be followed.

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 24th day of JAN . 2025.


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Secretary



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