



**MEMORANDUM ORDER**

No. 21

Series of 2025

**SUBJECT: TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF ALL COMMODITIES DERIVED FROM FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE - SUSCEPTIBLE ANIMALS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND BY-PRODUCTS ORIGINATING FROM *Slovakia***

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**WHEREAS**, Book IV Chapter 2 Section 6 and 7 (2) and (4) of Executive Order no. 292, s. 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**, based on the official report submitted by Dr. Martin Chudy, Chief of Veterinary Services, State Veterinary and Food Administration, and Delegate of *Slovakia* to the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) on 21 March 2025, there were cases of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) virus in *Dunajská Streda, Trnavský, Slovakia* in domestic cattle as confirmed by the State Veterinary and Food Institute, Veterinary Institute in Zvolen.

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to prevent the entry of the FMD virus to protect the health of the FMD-susceptible animal population;

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 FMD - susceptible animals, their products, and by-products from *Slovakia*;

1. Banning the importation of FMD - susceptible animals, their products, and by-products;
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. In adherence to the WOAHP Terrestrial Animal Health Code (TAHC) Article 8.8 (Infection with Foot and Mouth Disease Virus), the following are the set conditions on the temporary restrictions, subject to the Philippines' import terms and conditions and regulatory requirements:

Commodity	Conditions
Skeletal Muscle Meat, Casings, Tallow, Hooves and Horns	NOT ALLOWED
Live swine, bovines, and water buffaloes (family <i>Suidae</i> , family <i>Bovidae</i> , family <i>Cervidae</i> ), including semen	NOT ALLOWED
Ultra-high temperature (UHT) milk and derivatives thereof	ALLOWED
Heat-treated meat products in a hermetically sealed container with a F <sub>0</sub> value of 3 or above	ALLOWED
Protein meal, gelatine	ALLOWED
In vivo-derived bovine embryos	ALLOWED
Limed hides, pickled pelts, and semi-processed leather	ALLOWED

4. All shipments coming from *Slovakia* that are **IN TRANSIT/LOADED/ACCEPTED UNTO PORT** before the official communication of this Order to the *Slovak* authorities shall be allowed provided that the products were **slaughtered/produced on or before 06 March 2025** and **TESTED NEGATIVE** for Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) virus upon arrival at the port of entry;
5. Shipments which have not complied with the conditions set forth in Item 3 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 enforced unless revoked in writing. All orders inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of APRIL 2025.

  
**FRANCISCO P. TIUA LAUREL JR.**  
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