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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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SUBJECT: TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF FMD-SUSCEPTIBLE ANIMALS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND BY-PRODUCTS ORIGINATING FROM LIBYA

WHEREAS, based on the official report submitted to the Office International des Epizooties by Dr. Taher Ahmad Matouk, Chief Veterinary Officer, National Centre of the Animal Health and Breeding Improvement, there were outbreaks of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in Libya;

WHEREAS, the FMD virus with serotype O was confirmed last 30 December 2011 in cattle, sheep and goats on communal grazing in Libya;

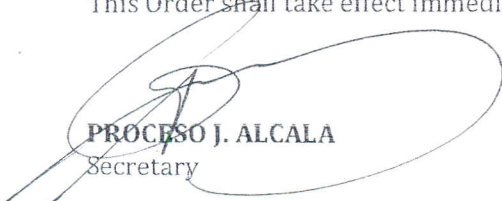
WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of FMD-susceptible animals, their products and by-products originating from Libya to protect the health of the local livestock population;

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of FMD and maintain the freedom of the Philippines from this disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PROCESO J. ALCALA, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby institute the following emergency measures:

1. Banning the importation of FMD-susceptible animals, their products and by-products originating from Libya;
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC)/SPS to Import of the above-stated commodities from Libya by the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI);
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of FMD-susceptible animals, their products and by-products into the country originating from Libya by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.

This Order shall take effect immediately.


PROCESO J. ALCALA
Secretary