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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 RUSSIA**

**WHEREAS**, based on the official report submitted to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) last 18 March, 2013 by Dr. Evgeny Nepoklonov, Deputy Head of the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance, Ministry of Agriculture in Moscow, Russia, there was a confirmed case of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) serotype A in Russia.

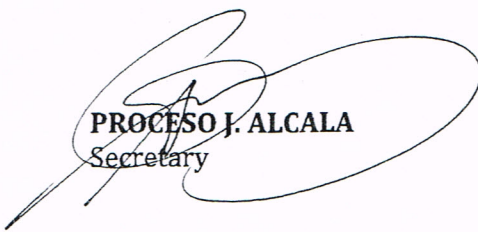
**WHEREAS**, the FMD was confirmed last 17 March 2013 in Molodezhny, a village 25 km away from the border of China. Zabajkal Skij Kray where the outbreak affecting cattle, sheep, goat and swine occurred is a buffer zone where vaccination is practiced. It was reported that the affected animals were vaccinated last October 2012.

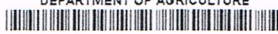
**WHEREAS**, there is a need to prevent the entry of FMD-susceptible animals, their products and by-products originating from Russia to protect the health of the local livestock population.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, PROCESO J. ALCALA**, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by the power 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 Russia.
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of applications and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearances (VQC) to import the abovementioned commodities from Russia.
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of FMD-susceptible animals, their products and by-products into the country originating from Russia by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

  
**PROCESO J. ALCALA**  
Secretary

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