## [ MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 4, S. 2001, February 23, 2001 ]

## TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF FMD SUSCEPTIBLE ANIMALS, THEIR MEAT, MEAT PRODUCTS AND BY-PRODUCTS ORIGINATING FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM

WHEREAS, the *Office Internationale des Epizooties* confirms outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in the United Kingdom;

WHEREAS, the Philippines imports some animals, meat, meat products and byproducts from this country; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry, establishment, and spread of FMD in the country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LEONARDO Q. MONTEMAYOR, Secretary of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby institute an emergency measure banning the importation of cattle, pigs, sheep, goats and other FMD-susceptible animals, their uncooked meat, meat products and by-products originating from the United Kingdom into the Philippines and prescribe the following:

- 1. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation, and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance/IVC Import Permit for applications relevant to the importation of the above-stated products in the United Kingdom by the Bureau of Animal Industry;
- 2. Stoppage/confiscation of all shipments into the country of suspected/affected products originating from the United Kingdom by all DA Quarantine Inspectors/Officers at all major sea/air ports.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: 23 Feb. 2001

(SGD.) LEONARDO Q. MONTEMAYOR Secretary

Recommending Approval:

(SGD.) TEODORO A. ABILAY, Ph.D. Director IV