

[DA MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 3, S. 2002, MAY 6, 2002, May 06, 2002]

TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF FMD-SUSCEPTIBLE ANIMALS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND BY-PRODUCTS ORIGINATING FROM MAINLAND SOUTH KOREA EXCEPT CHEJU ISLAND

WHEREAS, an outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in May 2, 2002 was confirmed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry in mainland South Korea;

WHEREAS, the Philippines imports some animals, meat, meat products and by-products in South Korea; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry 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 FMD susceptible animals, their meat, meat products and by-products originating from mainland South Korea, except Cheju Island, into the Philippines and prescribe the following:

1. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance/SPS Import Permit for applications relevant to the importation of the above-stated products in mainland South Korea by the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI);
2. Stoppage/confiscation of all shipments into the country of affected products originating from mainland South Korea by all DA quarantine inspectors/officers at all major sea/air ports; and
3. The BAI director may issue guidelines for the effective implementation of this memorandum order.

This ORDER shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: 6 May 2002

(SGD.) LEONARDO Q. MONTEMAYOR
Secretary