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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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SUBJECT

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION ON THE IMPORTATION OF MEAT, DAIRY

PRODUCTS, LIVE ANIMALS AND ANIMAL FEED PRODUCTS FROM

AFFECTED AREAS IN JAPAN

In the interest of the service and in line with our efforts to protect the consuming public from the perceived harm that may come from the nuclear accident that occurred in Japan immediately after the March 11, 2011 earthquake, issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC) for the importation of meat and dairy products, and live animals for breeding purposes from the prefectures of Fukushima, Ibaraki, Tochigi and Gunma is temporarily suspended. In addition, we are also temporarily suspending the issuance of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Import Clearance for the importation of feed products from the said prefectures.

For shipments that were issued VQC or SPS Import Clearance after the March 11, 2011 incident and have arrived at any of the Philippine ports of entry, it shall be put on hold at the port and shall be subjected to analysis and further screening in coordination with other agencies concerned at the expense of the importer. In the event that the shipment is found positive for radioactive material that is beyond allowable limit, the same shipment shall be subject to reshipment to point of origin at the expense of the importer.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain enforced until revoked.

PROCESO J. ALCALA

Sécretary