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SUBJECT: LIFTING THE TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF PROCESSED PORK PRODUCTS FROM THE *Republic of Korea*

WHEREAS, the Philippines has imposed DA Memorandum Order No. 26 Series 2019, temporarily banning the importation of domestic and wild pigs and their products including pork meat, pig skin and semen originating from the *Republic of Korea;*

WHEREAS, an official request from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (MAFRA) of the *Republic of Korea* was received by the Philippines to consider the lifting of the restriction on processed pork products, in view of the relevant scientific literature attesting that the ASF virus is deactivated by the process used to produce processed pork products;

WHEREAS, Article 15.1.23 of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) Terrestrial Animal Health Code (TAHC) provides the procedure for the inactivation of African Swine Fever virus in meat, to wit: "heat treatment for at least 30 minutes at a minimum temperature of 70°C, which should be reached throughout the meat; or any equivalent heat treatment which has been demonstrated to inactivate ASFV in meat";

WHEREAS, the Import Risk Analysis (IRA) completed by the Department of Agriculture on 08 April 2025 concluded that *Republic of Korea* maintains sufficient veterinary oversight and has established necessary control measures for rigorous monitoring of processed pork products, and that the identified commodity for export is shelf-stable and its packaging complies with the requirements of WOAH, which is classified under safe commodities;

NOW, THEREFORE, this Order is hereby issued to lift the temporary ban on the importation of processed pork products originating from the *Republic of Korea* that were heat-treated in a hermetically sealed container with an F_0 value of 3 or more, or heat-treated for at least 30 minutes at a minimum temperature of 70°C. All import transactions of the above commodities shall be in accordance with existing rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture;

This **ORDER** shall take effect immediately and shall remain enforced unless revoked in writing. All orders inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 2nd day of May 2025.

FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL JR.
Secretary

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