



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



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TO : THE GENERAL PUBLIC

SUBJECT : PUBLIC WARNING ON THE PURCHASE AND CONSUMPTION OF PROCESSED PORK MEAT PRODUCT FROM IDENTIFIED COUNTRIES SUSPECTED TO BE AFFECTED BY AFRICAN SWINE FEVER VIRUS

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) reiterates the **temporary ban** on the importation, distribution and sale of **ALL processed pork meat products** from the following countries suspected to be affected by the African swine fever (ASF) virus:

1. China
2. Hungary
3. Latvia
4. Poland
5. Romania
6. Russia
7. Ukraine

(The FDA **earlier issued FDA Order 2018-133** dated 24 September 2018 declaring the said temporary ban and identifying the foregoing countries as [possibly] infected with the African Swine Fever virus following the declarations in Department of Agriculture Order Nos. 18 and 23 Series of 2018)

In the interest of consistency and coherent efforts in preventing the entry of the African Swine Fever Virus, the FDA hereby expands the temporary ban on the importation, distribution and sale of **ALL processed pork meat products** from the following countries following Department of Agriculture Memorandum Order Nos. 30 and 31 series of 2018, and Memorandum Order Nos. 02, 05, 06 and 10 series of 2019:

1. Vietnam
2. Zambia
3. South Africa
4. Czech Republic
5. Bulgaria
6. Cambodia
7. Mongolia
8. Moldova
9. Belgium

The African swine fever, as defined by World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), is a highly contagious hemorrhagic disease of pigs, warthogs, European wild boar and American wild pigs. It is caused by DNA virus of the *Asfarviridae* family which causes

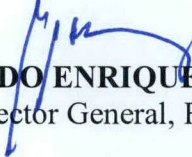
high fever, loss of appetite, hemorrhages in the skin and internal organs, and death in 2-10 days on average to those pigs that are affected. Although it is not considered as a human health threat, it can still cause major economic loss to swine industries.

The public is advised to exercise extreme caution in purchasing and consuming processed pork meat products and is advised to only consume processed pork meat products which are **sourced from countries other than** the above listed countries suspected to be affected by ASF virus, and are registered with the FDA.

Currently, the FDA does not allow the registration of processed pork meat products from these countries. A heightened post-marketing surveillance and audit is being conducted on all concerned and covered establishments, to ensure full compliance to the foregoing FDA Order, and at the same time, to hold violators liable under Republic Act 9711 (*Food and Drug Administration Act of 2009*), Republic Act 10611 (*Food Safety Act of 2013*) and other pertinent laws, rules and regulations, all in the interest of protecting public health and safety.

For more information and inquiries, please e-mail us at info@fda.gov.ph or call us at FDA Action Center hotline (02) 821-1162, or the Center for Food Regulation & Research at (02) 857-1900. To report the sale or distribution of these banned products despite the issuance of FDA Order No. 2018-133, and this Advisory, kindly email us via report@fda.gov.ph.

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested.


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