



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Health  
**FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION**



**FDA ORDER**

No. 2019-045-B

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**TO : ALL FOOD BUSINESS OPERATORS**

**SUBJECT : LIFTING THE TEMPORARY BAN OF ENTRY OF PORK MEAT PRODUCTS IMPLICATED WITH AFRICAN SWINE FEVER FROM BELGIUM**

In the interest of consistency and coherent efforts in preventing the entry of African Swine Fever Virus in the country, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued FDA Order No. 2019-045 dated 27 May 2019 on the temporary ban of entry of pork meat products domesticated or wild pig in nature due to African Swine Fever (ASF) in **Belgium** following the Department of Agriculture Memorandum Order No. 30 series of 2018.

Based on the submitted self-declaration of the recovery of freedom from ASF in all *suids* by the Ministry of Agriculture of Belgium to the World Health Organization for Animal Health, the ASF events affecting wild boars in Belgium are now closed and resolved. Furthermore, based on the evaluation of the Bureau of Animal Industry, the risk of contamination from importing their domestic and wild pigs **is negligible**.

Thus, **the temporary banning on the importation of domestic and wild pigs and their products including pork meat and semen originating from Belgium is hereby lifted pursuant to Memorandum Order No. 07 Series of 2020** signed on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January 2020. Accordingly, the list released in FDA Advisory No. 2020-1930 is hereby updated to remove the aforementioned Country.

The FDA Order imposed on the remaining countries listed in FDA Advisory No. 2020-1930 shall remain to be upheld and shall not be affected by the issuance of this Order.

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For your information and guidance.

  
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