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Department of Health  
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



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TO : CONCERNED ESTABLISHMENTS & THE GENERAL PUBLIC

SUBJECT : Public warning on the sale/consumption of processed pork meat product from certain countries

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) reiterates the **temporary ban** on the importation, distribution and sale of **ALL processed pork meat products** from China, Hungary, Latvia, Poland, Romania, Russia, and Ukraine, as these are suspected to be affected by the African Swine Fever virus.

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.

A heightened post-marketing surveillance and audit is being conducted by the FDA on all concerned and covered establishments, to ensure full compliance to the foregoing Order, and at the same time, to hold violators liable under RA 9711, 10611 and other pertinent laws, rules and regulations on food safety, all in the interest of protecting public health and safety.

The public is advised to exercise extreme caution in purchasing/consuming processed pork meat products (check label on the product), and is advised to only purchase/consume processed pork meat products which are sourced from countries other than China, Hungary, Latvia, Poland, Romania, Russia, and Ukraine, and are registered with the FDA.


Importers, distributors, retail outlets, and other dealers of processed pork meat products, are warned against the importation, distribution and sale of these banned products, under the pain of being prosecuted for violation of the FDA Act of 2009, the Food Safety Act of 2013, and other relevant laws, rules and regulation on food safety.

The Bureau of Customs, Local Government Units (LGUs) and Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) are requested to ensure that these products are not brought in to our shores, sold or made available in the Philippine market.

For more information and inquiries, please e-mail us at [info@fda.gov.ph](mailto: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](mailto:report@fda.gov.ph).



Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested.

  
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