



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



FDA ORDER

No. 2022-1365-A

24 JAN 2023

TO : ALL FOOD BUSINESS OPERATORS

SUBJECT : LIFTING THE TEMPORARY BAN OF ENTRY OF CURED PORK MEAT PRODUCTS FROM ITALY

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. 2022-1365 dated 25 August 2022 on the temporary ban of entry of pork meat products of domesticated or wild pig in nature due to African Swine Fever (ASF) in **Italy** following the Department of Agriculture Memorandum Order No. 5 series of 2022.

However, based on the Import Risk Assessment conducted and completed by the Department of Agriculture on November 8, 2022, the “overall estimated risk of ASF introduction through cured meat is low in products such as dry-cured hams. The risk of release of ASF virus via the export of meat from Italy following the recommended physical parameters, in accordance with the OIE Code and Annex VII to EU Regulation 687/2020, is negligible, while exposure is estimated to be low. With this, the DA issued a Memorandum Circular to lift the ban on cured pork meat products from Italy “following the available minimum standards and parameters to achieve appropriate level of protection and inactivation of ASF virus.”

Therefore, **the temporary banning on the importation of cured pork meat products from Italy is hereby lifted by this Office pursuant to Department of Agriculture Memorandum Order Nos. 46 series of 2022** signed on 28th of December 2022.

The FDA Order imposed on the remaining countries listed in FDA Order Nos. 2018-133, 2019-045, 2019-103, 2020-1283, 2021-2059, 2022-1365, as well as processed pork meat products other than cured pork meats from Italy shall remain upheld and shall not be affected by the issuance of this Order.

For more information and inquiries, please e-mail us at foodsafety@fda.gov.ph or call us at the Center for Food Regulation and Research at **(02) 857-1900 local 8115**. To report the sale or distribution of these banned products despite the issuance of the FDA Orders, kindly email us via ereport@fda.gov.ph.

This Order shall take effect immediately.


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