



FDA ORDER
No. 2023-0301

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TO : THE GENERAL PUBLIC

SUBJECT : TEMPORARY BAN ON ENTRY OF PORK MEAT PRODUCTS FROM NEWLY IDENTIFIED COUNTRY SUSPECTED TO BE AFFECTED BY AFRICAN SWINE FEVER (ASF) VIRUS

In the interest of public health and coherent efforts in preventing the entry of the African Swine Fever Virus, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), consistent with Department of Agriculture Memorandum Order No. 80 Series of 2022, adopts the temporary banning on the importation, distribution and sale of ALL processed pork meat products from the following country:

1. Czech Republic

*(The FDA earlier issued **FDA Order No. 2018-133** dated 24 September 2018, **FDA Order No. 2019-045** dated 27 May 2019, **FDA Order No. 2019-103** dated 30 July 2019, **FDA Order No. 2020-1283** dated 07 October 2020, **FDA Advisory No. 2021-2504** dated 13 October 2021 and **FDA Order No. 2022-1365** dated 25 August 2022 on the temporary ban of pork meat and identifying the following countries infected with the ASF virus, in line with the Memorandum Orders of the Department of Agriculture:)*

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| 1. China | 11. Bulgaria | 21. Myanmar |
| 2. Hungary | 12. Cambodia | 22. Serbia |
| 3. Latvia | 13. Mongolia | 23. Slovakia |
| 4. Poland | 14. Moldova | 24. South Korea |
| 5. Romania | 15. Hong Kong | 25. Zimbabwe |
| 6. Russia | 16. North Korea | 26. Malaysia |
| 7. Ukraine | 17. Laos | 27. Thailand |
| 8. Vietnam | 18. Germany | 28. Italy* |
| 9. Zambia | 19. Indonesia | |
| 10. South Africa | 20. Greece | |

**All processed pork products except cured pork meat as per Department of Agriculture Memorandum Circular No. 46 Series of 2022*

The FDA would like to reiterate that it does not allow the registration of processed pork meat products from these ASF virus affected 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 orders, and at the same time, to hold violators liable under Republic Act No. 9711 (*Food and Drug Administration Act of 2009*), Republic Act No. 10611 (*Food Safety*



Act of 2013) and other pertinent laws, rules and regulations, all in the interest of protecting public health and safety.

The public is also advised to exercise extreme caution in purchasing and consuming processed pork meat products and 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.

Any issuances or policies issued by FDA which are inconsistent with this advisory, including FDA Order No. 2019-045-A dated 07 October 2020, is hereby deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

For more information and inquiries, please e-mail us at info@fda.gov.ph or call us at the Center for Food Regulation and Research at (02) 857-1900 local 8112/8105. To report sale or distribution of these banned food products despite the issuance of FDA Orders, kindly email us at ereport@fda.gov.ph.

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested.


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