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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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SUBJECT: TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF FMD-SUSCEPTIBLE ANIMALS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND BY-PRODUCTS ORIGINATING FROM KAZAKHSTAN

WHEREAS, based on the official report submitted to the *Office International des Epizooties* (OIE) last 13 May 2013 by Dr. Mereke Taitubayev, Chairman, Committee of Veterinary Control and Supervision of the Ministry of Agriculture in Astana, Kazakhstan, there was a confirmed clinical case of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in Kazakhstan.

WHEREAS, on 13 May 2013, the FMD outbreak was noted to have affected the cattle population in the Village of Akshoka, Akshokinsky, Urdzarsky, East Kazakhstan.

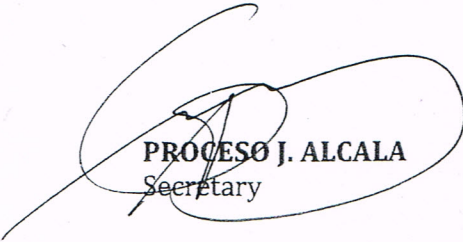
WHEREAS, sheep and goat population in the same village were also exposed to the FMD serotype that has not yet been identified.

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of FMD-susceptible animals, their products and by-products originating from Kazakhstan to protect the health of our local livestock population.

NOW THEREFORE, I, PROCESO J. ALCALA, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby institute the following emergency measures:

1. Banning the importation of FMD-susceptible animals, their products and by-products originating from Kazakhstan.
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of applications and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearances (VQC) to import the abovementioned commodities from Kazakhstan.
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of FMD-susceptible animals, their products and by-products into the country originating from Kazakhstan by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.

This Order shall take effect immediately.


PROCESO J. ALCALA
Secretary

