

**[ BAI ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 15, November 06, 1996 ]**

**REVISED RULES AND REGULATION ON THE CONTROL AND ERADICATION OF FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE (FMD)**

WHEREAS, latest field reports gathered by the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) have shown an abatement on the spread of Foot and Mouth Disease;

WHEREAS, there is a need to strengthen and adjust existing guidelines for the effective control and eradication of Foot and Mouth Disease;

WHEREAS, to accomplish the above purpose it is necessary to review Administrative Order No. 7, series of 1995;

WHEREAS, there is a danger of spreading Foot and Mouth Disease by shipping, driving or otherwise, transporting or taking out of the provinces within regional areas affected with Foot and Mouth Disease into non-affected region or areas of the country any FMD vaccines, FMD susceptible animals namely pigs, cattle, carabaos, goats and sheep; as well as fresh, frozen, or chilled cuts of pork, beef, carabeef, chevon and mutton sourced locally; uncooked/processed meat of same animals; unprocessed milk sourced locally; unprocessed hides and horns and by-products of the same animals; chicken, pig and ruminant dung; any hay, straw, forage or similar material;

WHEREAS, owners of livestock farms/establishments are not reporting the occurrence/existence of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and other notifiable diseases in their farms/establishments;

WHEREAS, vaccination is mandatory for all susceptible animals as per Batas Pambansa Bilang 97;

WHEREAS, owners of livestock farms/establishments are hesitant to the visits of the Director of the Bureau of Animal Industry and the National Meat Inspection Commission or their duly authorized representatives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SALVADOR H. ESCUDERO III, Secretary of Agriculture, pursuant to Section 1764 of the Revised Administrative Code and the provisions of Act No. 2172 and Administrative Order No. 9 Series of 1993, implementing Republic Act No. 7394, otherwise known as Consumer Act of the Philippines do hereby order;

*SECTION 1. Declaration of Existence of Dangerous Communicable Animal Disease known as Foot and Mouth Disease.* — Foot and Mouth Disease, a dangerous communicable animal disease is prevalent among the provinces in Region I (except Batanes), II, III, IV (except Palawan), the National Capital Region (NCR), Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) and the province of Camarines Sur, Catanduanes and

Albay of Region V.

SECTION 2. *Prohibition on Movement of Animals in Affected Areas.* — No person, firm, or corporation or any railroad company or employee thereof or the owner or master of any aircraft, vessel or boat or any common carrier as well as private transportation shall accept/receive for transportation or transport from any affected province, municipality or barangay any domestic animals, products and by-products without the written authority of the Director of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) or his duly authorized representative.

A Certificate of Inspection from the National Meat Inspection Commission (NMIC) is required in case of meat and meat products above described in addition to the accreditation of the Director from the Bureau of Animal Industry or his duly authorized representative.

SECTION 3. *Shipment Restriction in Mindanao.* — Mindanao provinces in Northern Mindanao – Agusan del Norte, Agusan del Sur, Bukidnon, Camiguin, Misamis Oriental, Misamis Occidental and Surigao del Norte; and Western Mindanao-Zamboanga del Norte, Zamboanga del Sur, Basilan, Tawi-Tawi and Sulu are declared as FMD-Free Zones. Only direct inter-provincial shipment of locally sourced animals, products & by-products within the ASEAN declared FMD-Free Zones is allowed. Direct (no unloading) shipment of animals of indigenous origin coming from BAI-DA accredited farms in Regions XI (Provinces) and XII (Provinces) to NMIC accredited slaughterhouses and BAI/DA accredited farms in provinces within Region IX, Region X (Provinces) to the Visayas and Luzon (Provinces) are allowed provided such animals are sourced from farms without any history of FMD infection for the past two (2) years in conformity with DA Administrative Order No. 8 declaring on the national basis the whole of Mindanao as FMD-free zones. Provided further that issuance of authority to transport by the Director of the Bureau of Animal Industry or his duly authorized representative are made on such particular shipments.

No shipment of FMD susceptible animals locally sourced, uncooked/unprocessed meat and meat by-products and animal effects; and chicken, pig and ruminant dung is allowed from Luzon to Visayas and Mindanao.

SECTION 4. *Shipment Restriction in the Visayas Islands, Region V, Palawan and Batanes.* — Shipment within Visayas and Region V except Camarines Sur, Albay and Catanduanes is allowed but not from Region V to Visayas.

Likewise, only direct shipment from the above cited declared FMD-Free zone to Palawan and Batanes and between Batanes and Palawan is allowed.

No shipment of FMD susceptible animals is allowed from Visayas to Mindanao.

SECTION 5. *Regular Shipment in Certain Areas.* — The usual procedure shall apply to shipment from Mindanao, Visayas, Palawan, Batanes and Region V to FMD affected areas in Luzon.

Shipment from declared FMD-Zones as enumerated in the preceding section including Batanes and Palawan to other non-ASEAN declared FMD-Free Zones is allowed.