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**MEMORANDUM ORDER**

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**TO : ALL VETERINARY QUARANTINE OFFICERS AT MANILA  
INTERNATIONAL CONTAINER PORT (MICP) AND SOUTH HARBOR**

**FROM : OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, DIRECTOR**

**SUBJECT : COLLECTION OF IMPORTED PORK MEAT SAMPLES FOR ASF  
TESTING**

As part of additional risk mitigation measures to protect the free zones as well as strengthen surveillance for African Swine Fever (ASF) virus that may enter the Philippines through the importation of pork meat products, **ALL VETERINARY QUARANTINE OFFICERS assigned at MICP and South Harbor are REQUIRED TO SUBMIT PORK MEAT SAMPLES for testing against ASF.**

Five (5) pork meat samples shall be collected at random per container van. Recommended size of meat sample is two by two (2 x 2) inches dimension.

Each meat sample shall be placed in a properly sealed sterile storage bag and labeled properly.

The meat samples shall be kept in an ice chest with suitable refrigerant (to avoid thawing) and brought as soon as possible to the Animal Disease Diagnosis and Reference Laboratory (ADDRL) at the BAI Central Office, Quezon City. If the samples cannot be transported immediately, they shall be stored in an identified, secured and refrigerated area at the concerned VQS office.

The required laboratory submission form from ADDRL shall be filled up properly together with the following information for traceability purposes:

- Company or Name of Importer
- SPSIC No./VQMILC No./ERFI No.
- Commodity Description
- Country of Origin
- Manufacturer and Establishment No.

For strict compliance effective immediately.

  
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