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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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SUBJECT: TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF POULTRY MEAT PRODUCTS, DOMESTIC AND WILD BIRDS INCLUDING DAY OLD CHICKS, EGGS AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM CHINESE TAIPEI

WHEREAS, based on the official report submitted by Dr. Ping-Cheng Yang, Director, Animal Technology Institute Taiwan, Council of Agriculture, Taiwan, Chinese Taipei to Office International Des Epizooties (OIE), there was an outbreak of Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza (LPAI) in Yuli, HUA-LIEN, Chinese Taipei;

WHEREAS, LPAI serotype H5N3 was isolated from a meat-type duck farm on 16 of July 2013, the National Laboratory (Animal Health Research Institute) confirmed the virus thru virological test and pathogenicity test on 2 August, 2013;

WHEREAS, the OIE Animal Health Information Department: H5 and H7 avian influenza in its low pathogenic form in poultry is a notifiable disease as per Chapter 10.4 on avian influenza of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code (2012);

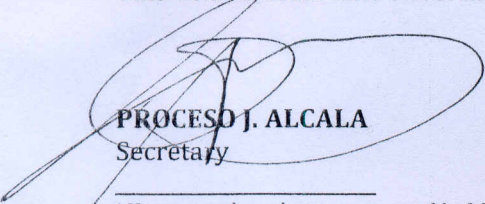
WHEREAS, travellers may bring in birds and its products from Chinese Taipei;

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of LPAI virus to protect the health of the local poultry population;

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

1. Banning the importation of domestic and wild birds, including day old chicks, eggs, and semen from Chinese Taipei;¹
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC/SPS) to import the above-stated commodities from Chinese Taipei;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of the above stated commodities (with the exception on heat treated products) into the country originating from Chinese Taipei by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.

This ORDER shall take effect immediately


PROCESO J. ALCALA
Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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¹ Heat treated products are acceptable following chapter 10.4 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (2012) recommending, provided that in addition to the Veterinary Health Certificate, the Competent Authority will include in the certification the following:

