



17 October 2013

MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 39

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SUBJECT: TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD BIRDS INCLUDING POULTRY MEAT, DAY OLD CHICKS, EGGS AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM YOUNG, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA.

WHEREAS, based on the official report submitted by Dr. Mark Schipp, Chief Veterinary Officer, Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry, Australia to Office International Des Epizooties (OIE) on 16 October 2013, there was an outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in Young, New South Wales, Australia;

WHEREAS, HPAI serotype H7N2 was detected in a free range and caged layer farm, which was confirmed by the Elizabeth Macarthur Agricultural Institute (Local Laboratory) thru Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) and Australian Animal Health Laboratory thru gene sequencing and PCR ;

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

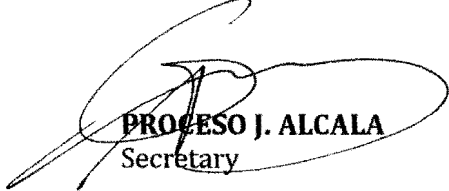
WHEREAS, travellers may bring in birds and its products from Young, New South Wales, Australia;

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of HPAI virus to protect the health of public and 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 Young, New South Wales, Australia;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 Young, New South Wales, Australia;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of the above stated commodities (with the exception on heat treated products) into the country originating from Young, New South Wales, Australia 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:

1. Temperature and the duration of heating or pasteurization of products; and
2. There is no commingling of raw materials with any other materials of animal origin.

