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**MEMORANDUM ORDER**

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**SUBJECT: TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD BIRDS INCLUDING DAY OLD CHICKS, EGGS AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM the Commune of Blumberg, Kreis Schwarzwald-Baar, Land Baden- Württemberg, Germany**

**WHEREAS**, based on the official report submitted by the German Animal Health Authorities to the European Commission, Health & Consumers Directorate-General, there was an outbreak of Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza of the subtype H5N3 in the commune of Blumberg, Kreis Schwarzwald-Baar, Land-Württemberg, Germany;

**WHEREAS**, LPAI subtype H5N3 was detected from a mixed poultry holding of layer hens and ostrich during a routine avian influenza surveillance activity;

**WHEREAS**, according to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) Animal Health Information Department and as per Chapter 10.4 on Avian Influenza of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code (2012), H5 and H7 avian influenza in their low pathogenic form in poultry are notifiable diseases;

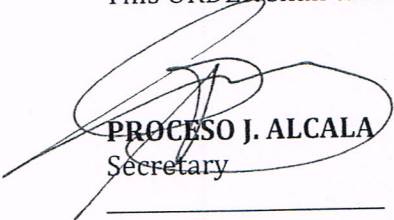
**WHEREAS**, travellers can possibly bring into the Philippines birds and its products from Blumberg, Kreis Schwarzwald-Baar, Land-Württemberg, Germany;

**WHEREAS**, to maintain the Avian Influenza freedom in the country and to protect the health of the local poultry population, there is a need to prevent the entry of LPAI virus;

**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 Blumberg, Kreis Schwarzwald-Baar, Land-Württemberg, Germany;<sup>1</sup>
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 Blumberg, Kreis Schwarzwald-Baar, Land-Württemberg, Germany;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products (with the exception on heat treated products) into the country originating from the Blumberg, Kreis Schwarzwald-Baar, Land-Württemberg, Germany s by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports; and
4. Importation of meat products of poultry is subject to the conditions provided in article 10.4.19, 10.4.20 and 10.4.26 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code, 2012.<sup>2</sup>

This ORDER shall take effect immediately.

  
**PROCESO J. ALCALA**  
Secretary



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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Presentation of International Veterinary Certificate attesting that the entire consignment of fresh meat comes from poultry free from