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Subject : **Notification of DA MO Nos. 27 & 28, S., of 2010**

This is to endorse the attached notification of DA Memorandum Order Nos. 27 and 28, series of 2010 for submission to the WTO SPS Committee.

Very truly yours,


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MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 28
Series 2010

SUBJECT: LIFTING THE TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM CATTLE FROM PORTUGAL

WHEREAS, Portugal has been recognized as having a controlled Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) risk according to Resolution No. XXI during the 76th General Session of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) last May 30, 2008;

WHEREAS, recent international guidelines set out by the OIE Animal Health Code provides for conditions under which all beef and beef products from animals of all ages maybe safely traded;

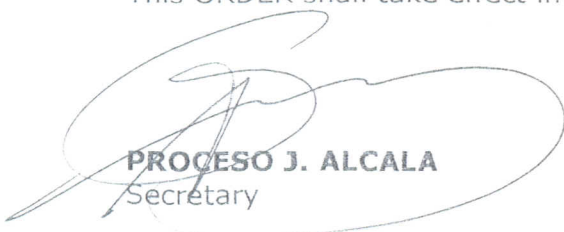
NOW, THEREFORE, I, PROCESO J. ALCALA, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby lift the temporary ban on the importation of meat and meat products derived from cattle from Portugal thereby allowing the importation of the above-mentioned products subject to the following conditions which shall be certified by the Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Fisheries of Portugal:

1. Boneless and bone-in beef can be sourced from cattle of all ages devoid of any nerves and other BSE-specified risk materials (SRM) shall be imported.
2. The beef, whether boneless or bone-in should come only from healthy ambulatory and not downer cattle.
3. The slaughter date of the cattle or the production date of the beef shall be included in the packaging label.

All shipments into the country of beef originating from Portugal not complying with these conditions shall be confiscated by DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major sea/airports.

All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

This ORDER shall take effect immediately.


PROCESO J. ALCALA
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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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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 JAPAN

WHEREAS, based on the report submitted by Dr. Toshiro Kawashima, Chief Veterinary Officer, to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE), Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) has been detected in Japan;

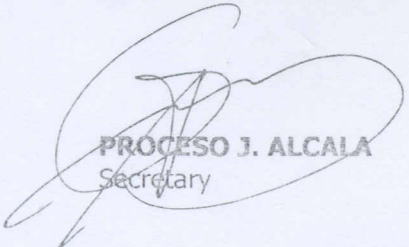
WHEREAS, HPAI (serotype H5) has been detected in a farm in Yasugi City, Simane Province, Japan;

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of HPAI virus to protect the health of the local poultry population, as well as human health;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PROCESO J. ALCALA, Secretary of the Department 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 and their products, including day-old chicks, eggs and semen from Japan;
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC) to import the above-stated commodities from Japan;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from Japan by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.

This Order shall take effect immediately.


PROCESO J. ALCALA
Secretary