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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 the People's Republic of CHINA.**

**WHEREAS**, based on the official report submitted by Dr. Zhang Zhongqui, Director General, China Animal Disease Control Centre, Veterinary Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture to the Office Internationale Des Epizooties (OIE) on 21 December 2013, there was an outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) virus in the village of Zhongzhuang, Jiaozhuang, Baoding, HEBEI, the People's Republic of China;

**WHEREAS**, an outbreak of HPAI of the subtype H5N2 was detected among bird species and was confirmed through viral isolation and hemagglutination inhibition test (HI) conducted by Harbin Veterinary Research Institute, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences;

**WHEREAS**, the OIE Animal Health Information Department: H5 and H7 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza virus are among the notifiable OIE Listed terrestrial animal diseases, infections and infestations in force in 2014;

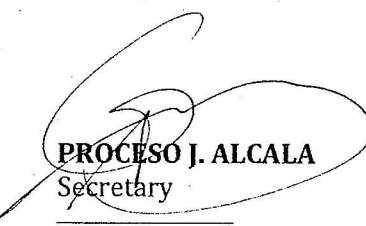
**WHEREAS**, travellers may bring in birds and its products from the People's Republic of China;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to prevent the entry of HPAI virus to protect the health of the public and the local poultry population;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, PROCESO J. ALCALA**, Secretary, 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, including poultry meat, day old chicks, eggs, and semen from the People's Republic of China;<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 the People's Republic of China;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of the above stated commodities (with the exception on heat treated products) into the country originating from the People's Republic of China by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.
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, 2013.<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 (2013) 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.



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