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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 JEOLLABUK-DO and JEOLLANAM-DO, KOREA (Republic of).

WHEREAS, based on the official report submitted by Dr. Tae Yung Kim, Director General, Livestock Policy Bureau, Ministry for Food, Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries to the Office Internationale Des Epizooties (OIE) on 18 January 2014, there was an outbreak of High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza (HPAI) virus in the areas of Gochang-gun and Buan-gun JEOLLABUK-DO KOREA and Songji-myeon, JEOLLANAM-DO, Korea (Republic of);

WHEREAS, an outbreak of HPAI of the subtype H5N8 was detected among breeding ducks and was confirmed through viral isolation, real-time reverse transcriptase/polymerase chain reaction and viral sequencing conducted by Animal Health Plant Quarantine Agency (National Laboratory);

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

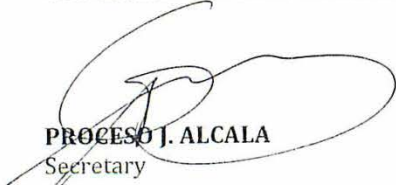
WHEREAS, travellers may bring in birds and its products from KOREA (Republic of);

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 JEOLLABUK-DO and JEOLLANAM-DO, KOREA (Republic of);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 JEOLLABUK-DO and JEOLLANAM-DO, KOREA (Republic of);
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of the above stated commodities (with the exception on heat treated products) into the country originating from JEOLLABUK-DO and JEOLLANAM-DO, KOREA (Republic of) 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, 2014.²

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 (2014) recommending, in addition to the Veterinary Health Certificate, the Competent Authority will include in the certification the