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27 February 2014

MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. <u>06</u> Series of 2014

Subject:

LIFTING THE 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 to the Office Internationale des Epizooties from Dr. Mark Shcipp, Chief Veterinary Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Australia that the High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza event in Young New South Wales has already been resolved;

WHEREAS, disinfection of the affected premises were completed on November 21, 2013 and appropriate surveillance has been completed to demonstrate that the event of HPAI has been eradicated;

WHEREAS, in October, 2013, DA issued Memorandum Order No. 39 entitled: *Temporarily Banning the Importation of Domestic and Wild Birds and their Products Including Poultry Meat, Day Old Chicks, Eggs and Semen Originating from Young, New South Wales,* based from the report submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Australia;

WHEREAS, in compliance with Chapter 10.4 Article 10.4.3 on Avian Influenza of the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Young, New South Wales is now free of HPAI virus;

WHEREAS, based on the evaluation of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), the risk of contamination from importing poultry and poultry products from Young, New South Wales is negligible;

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 domestic and wild birds including poultry meat, day old chicks, eggs and semen originating from Young, New South Wales, Australia.

All import transactions of the above products shall be in accordance with the existing rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Industry and National Meat Inspection Service (DA-BA-NMIS).

All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provision of this Order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

This ORDER shall take effect immediately.

PROCESO J. ALCALA Secretary n replying pis cite this code
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