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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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SUBJECT:

TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD BIRDS AND

THEIR PRODUCTS INCLUDING POULTRY MEAT, DAY OLD CHICKS, EGGS AND

SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM Germany.

WHEREAS, based on the official report submitted by Dr. Karin Schwabenbauer, Ministerial Dirigentin and Chief Veterinary Officer, Directorate of Animal Health, Animal Welfare, Bundesministerium für Ernährung, Landwirtschaft und Verbraucherschutz (BMELV), Bonn, Germany to the Office Internationale Des Epizooties (OIE) on November 6, 2014, that there was an outbreak of High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza (HPAI) virus in Heinrichswalde, Vorpommern-Greifswald, MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN, Germany;

WHEREAS, the outbreak of HPAI virus serotype H5N8 was confirmed thru clinical manifestation and laboratory diagnosis affecting fattening turkey holding;

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

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 Germany; ¹
- 2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) import clearance to the above-stated commodities from Germany;
- 3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of the above stated commodities (with the exception on heat treated products) into the country originating from Germany 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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I lical treated products are acceptable following chapter 10.4—of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (2014) 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.