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MEMORANDUM ORDERNo. 23

Series of 2015

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 *Judith Basin County*, MONTANA, *Dickey County*, NORTH DAKOTA and *Jefferson County*, WISCONSIN, USA

WHEREAS, based on the follow up report no. 11 and 12 submitted by Dr John Clifford, Deputy Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture, United States of America to the Office Internationale Des Epizooties (OIE) on 8 to 15 of April 2015 respectively, that there was an outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) virus in *Judith Basin County*, MONTANA, *Dickey County*, NORTH DAKOTA and *Jefferson County*, WISCONSIN, USA;

WHEREAS, the outbreak of HPAI serotype H5N2 affecting commercial turkey farm and commercial chicken layer farm was confirmed by the USDA APHIS National Veterinary Services Laboratories (National laboratory);

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 2015;

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 *Judith Basin County*, MONTANA, *Dickey County*, NORTH DAKOTA and *Jefferson County*, WISCONSIN, USA;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 *Judith Basin County*, MONTANA, *Dickey County*, NORTH DAKOTA and *Jefferson County*, WISCONSIN, USA;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of the above stated commodities (with the exception on heat treated products) into the country originating from *Judith Basin County*, MONTANA, *Dickey County*, NORTH DAKOTA and *Jefferson County*, WISCONSIN, USA by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.
4. Frozen poultry meat with slaughter/process date of 21 days prior the outbreak are allowed to enter the country.
5. 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

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¹ Heat 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.

