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Department of Agriculture
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. <u>28</u> Series of 2015

SUBJECT:

LIFTING THE TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD BIRDS AND THEIR PRODUCTS INCLUDING POULTRY MEAT, DAY OLD

CHICKS, EGGS AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM Yorkshire, England.

WHEREAS, based on the official report submitted by Dr Nigel Gibbens, Chief Veterinary Officer, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, London, United Kingdom to the Office Internationale des Epizooties (OIE), that the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) event in Yorkshire, England has been resolved;

WHEREAS, in accordance to the provisions of Chapter 10.4, article 10.4.3 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code 2014, Yorkshire, England is now free from HPAI;

WHEREAS, based on the evaluation of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), the risk of contamination from importing poultry and poultry products from Yorkshire, England 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 Yorkshire, England.

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

All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

This **ORDER** shall take effect immediately.

PROCESO J. ALCALA Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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