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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 Turkey.

WHEREAS, based on the official reports submitted by Dr Irfan Erol, Director General of Food and Control, Directorate of Food and Control, Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock, Ankara, Turkey to the Office Internationale Des Epizooties (OIE) on May 4, 11 and 18, 2015, that there was an outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) virus in *Ikizciler, KASTAMONU, Edincik, BALIKESIR and Moralilar, MANISA, Turkey*;

WHEREAS, the outbreaks of HPAI serotype H5N1 affecting backyard poultry and poultry farm were confirmed by the Etlik Central Research Veterinary Institute (National laboratory);

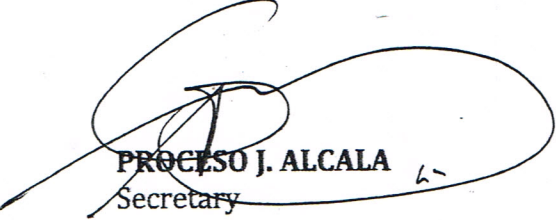
WHEREAS, the OIE Animal Health Information Department: H5 and H7 High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza viruses are among the notifiable OIE Listed terrestrial animal diseases, infections and infestations in force in 2015;

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 *Turkey*.
2. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of the above stated commodities into the country originating from *Turkey* by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.

This ORDER shall take effect immediately.


PROCESO J. ALCALA
Secretary



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