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**MEMORANDUM ORDER**No. 31

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 *MISSOURI and Whitley County, INDIANA, USA.***

**WHEREAS**, based on the follow up reports no. 16 and 13 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 International Des Epizooties (OIE) on May 20 and 21, 2015, respectively, that there was an outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) virus in *Lewis County, Missouri and Whitley County, Indiana, USA;*

**WHEREAS**, the outbreak of HPAI serotype H5N2 in Lewis County, Missouri affecting a small backyard mixed poultry flock of chickens, ducks, and geese is a follow up report from previous outbreaks in Jasper and Moniteau Counties, Missouri;

**WHEREAS**, the outbreak of HPAI serotype H5N8 in Whitley County, Indiana affecting a small mixed backyard poultry flock of chickens, turkeys, ducks, and geese is the first detection of HPAI in Indiana;

**WHEREAS**, the HPAI outbreaks were 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 *MISSOURI and Whitley County, INDIANA, USA;*
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 *MISSOURI and Whitley County, INDIANA, USA;*
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of the above stated commodities (with the exception on heat treated products <sup>1</sup>) into the country originating *MISSOURI and Whitley County, INDIANA, 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 subject to veterinary quarantine rules and regulations.
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.<sup>2</sup>

This ORDER shall take effect immediately.

**PROCESO J. ALCALA**  
Secretary



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<sup>1</sup> 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.

