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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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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 *British Columbia, CANADA***

WHEREAS, based on the official final report submitted on June 8, 2015 from Dr. Martine Dubuc, OIE Delegate for Canada, Chief Food Safety Officer, Vice President, Scientific Branch, Health Ministry, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Canada to the Office Internationale des Epizooties (OIE) that the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) virus event in the Province of British Columbia, Canada has been resolved.

WHEREAS, cleaning and disinfection following stamping out of all the infected and exposed birds in the affected establishments was carried out and appropriate surveillance was conducted to demonstrate that the outbreak of HPAI H5N2 has been contained and eradicated;

WHEREAS, in accordance to Article 10.4.3., Chapter 10.4 (Avian Influenza) of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code 2015, British Columbia, Canada is now free from H5N2 High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza virus;

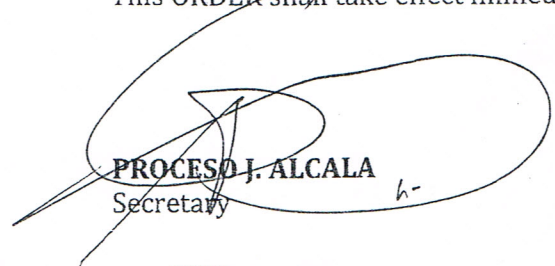
WHEREAS, based on the evaluation of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), the risk of contamination from importing poultry and poultry products from British Columbia, Canada is negligible;

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 and their products including poultry meat, day old chicks, eggs and semen originating from British Columbia, Canada.

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

All orders, rules and regulation or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provision of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

This ORDER shall take effect immediately.


PROCESO J. ALCALA
Secretary *h-*

