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Department of Agriculture

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MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. <u>04</u> Series of 2016

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 INDIA

WHEREAS, based on the official final report submitted on July 31, 2015 from Mr Ashok Kumar Angurana, Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture in New Delhi, India to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) that the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) virus event in India (DA MO 4 series of 2006) has been resolved.

**WHEREAS**, in accordance to Article 10.4.3., Chapter 10.4 (Avian Influenza) of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code 2015, India 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 India 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 India.

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All orders, rules and regulation or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provision of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.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

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