



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 73
Series of 2021

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 Hungary

WHEREAS, Section 6 and 7 (2) and (4) of Executive Order no. 291 provides the authority and responsibility for the exercise of the mandate of the Department and for the discharge of its powers and functions shall be vested in the Secretary, who shall have supervision and control of the Department pursuant to the approved programs of government and promulgate administrative issuances necessary for the efficient administration of the offices under the Secretary and the proper execution of the laws relative thereto;


WHEREAS, Section 1770 of Act No. 2711 (Revised Administrative Code of 1917) which was adopted by incorporation together with Sections 1761-1769, in Section 5 of Act 3639 (Charter of BAI) empowers the Department Head to issue a general order preventing the entry of animals, animal effects, parts or products from any country with dangerous communicable animal disease;

WHEREAS, based on the official report submitted by the Deputy State Secretary, Chief Veterinary Officer, Food Chain Safety Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Budapest, Hungary to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) reported on 17 November 2021, that there were outbreaks of H5N1 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) virus in Császártöltés and Jászszentlászló, Bács-Kiskun, Hungary affecting breeding ducks and Foie Gras geese as confirmed by the Veterinary Diagnostic Directorate of the National Food Chain Safety Office National Laboratory.

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of HPAI virus to protect the health of the local poultry population;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. DAR, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby institute the following emergency measures for the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products from Hungary;

1. Banning the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products, including poultry meat, day old chicks, eggs and semen;
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) import clearance to the above stated commodities;


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3. All shipments IN TRANSIT/LOADED/ACCEPTED UNTO PORT before the official communication of this Order to the Hungarian authorities shall be allowed provided the products were slaughtered/produced before **1 November 2021**;
4. All other shipments accepted at the port of origin the day after the date of official communication to the Hungarian authorities are therefore advised not to sail;
5. Shipments which have not complied with the conditions set forth in Item 3 to Item 4 shall be dealt with as per DA AO 9 S. 2010 Section VII.D;
6. Importation of meat products of poultry is subject to the conditions provided in Article 10.4.18, 10.4.19 and 10.4.24 of OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (2021)

This **ORDER** shall take effect immediately.

Done this 29th day of November 2021



WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.

Secretary

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