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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 23
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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 Italy

WHEREAS, Section 6 and 7 (2) and (4) of Executive Order no. 292 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, to establish the policies and standards for the operation 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 Directorate General for Veterinary Health and Veterinary Medicinal Products (DGSAF), Ministry of Health, Rome, Italy to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) on October 21, 2021 that there was an outbreak of H5N1 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Ronco all'Adige, Verona, Italy affecting domestic birds as confirmed by the Experimental Zooprophyllactic Institute (IZS), Venezie (National Laboratory);

WHEREAS, Italy is not an accredited country to export poultry meat to the Philippines but there is a need to prevent the entry of other poultry related commodities originating from Italy that might enter the country through hand carried products from international vessels or any other possible routes;

WHEREAS, there is a need for regulatory controls through Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures to protect human and animal health;

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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 Italy;

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;
3. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) import clearance of poultry processed animal proteins;
4. All shipments IN TRANSIT/LOADED/ACCEPTED UNTO PORT before the official communication of this Order to the Italian authorities shall be allowed provided the products were produced before **October 4, 2021**.
5. Shipments which have not complied with the conditions set forth in Item 3 shall be dealt with as per DA AO 9 S, 2010 Section VII.D;

This **ORDER** shall take effect immediately.

Done this 7th day of March 2022.


WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.
Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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