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MEMORANDUM

To: All Concerned

From: Dr. Jose Q. Molina
Director

Subject: Advisory for travelers to and from Asian countries

Date: 19 January 2004

Due to the recurrence of avian influenza (low pathogenic and high pathogenic), all travelers coming from all Asian countries are cautioned not to bring in any live poultry and any product of poultry origin to avoid infecting the local supply.

Likewise, all travelers going to any Asian countries are discouraged to visit any poultry/bird farms to avoid bringing in the virus to the Philippines.

For your compliance,

In accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of the DA Administrative Order No. 5 Series of 2002 which necessitates the accreditation of companies shipping meat and meat products to FMD-free and FMD-buffer zones every 6 months, a total of 32 meat plants and cold storage facilities have applied for renewal of their accreditation. In addition, there are 10 new companies awaiting inspection and evaluation.

In this regard, I would like to request for the presence of the Regional Veterinary Quarantine Officers from February 2 to 9, 2004 to conduct inspection and accreditation of the said companies. This time, the BAI will pay for their round trip air/busfare tickets and per diem for 8 days.