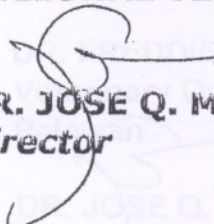




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MEMORANDUM

TO : REGIONAL VETERINARY QUARANTINE OFFICERS

FROM :  DR. JOSE Q. MOLINA
Director

DATE : February 6, 2004

SUBJECT : PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO PREVENT
INTRODUCTION OF AVIAN INFLUENZA INTO THE
COUNTRY

Please be informed that the Philippines is free of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) or Bird Flu. The threat of introduction comes from imported domestic and wild birds from affected countries and from migratory birds.

All Veterinary Quarantine Officers (VQO) at all airports/seaports are enjoined to be vigilant in the entry of imported birds including pet birds of crews particularly the landing points of Mindanao Coastline adjoining Indonesia, one of the affected countries.

The VQO shall impose strict quarantine measure at the airports/seaports and closely monitor passengers coming in from affected countries to prevent entry of domestic and wild birds. The VQO shall immediately report any incident encountered in his/her respective areas of responsibility. The countries with HPAI ban are South Korea, Japan, Indonesia, Taiwan, Thailand, China, Laos, Cambodia, Pakistan and Vietnam.

For strict compliance.