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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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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 TAIWAN

WHEREAS, based on a report submitted by the Taiwan government to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE), Taiwan has confirmed an outbreak of low pathogenic avian influenza (LPAI);

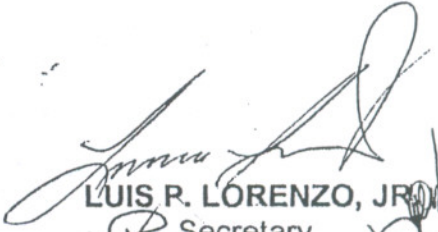
WHEREAS, there is a possibility that some travelers may bring in pet birds from Taiwan;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LUIS P. LORENZO, JR., Secretary of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby institute the following emergency measures:

1. Banning the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products, including day-old chicks, eggs and semen from Taiwan;
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance / International Veterinary Certificate / Import Permit for applications relevant to the importation of the above-stated commodities from Taiwan by the Bureau of Animal Industry;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from Taiwan by all DA Quarantine Inspectors/Officers at all major sea/air ports.

This Order shall take effect immediately.


LUIS P. LORENZO, JR.
Secretary

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