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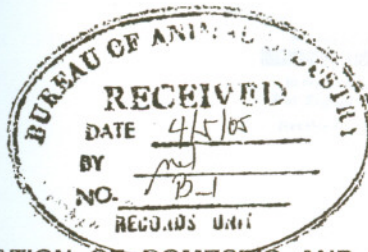
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**MEMORANDUM ORDER**

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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 NORTH KOREA**

**WHEREAS**, North Korea, on Sunday, March 27, 2005, confirmed a bird flu outbreak at a couple of chicken farms in Pyongyang;

**WHEREAS**, Japan has banned poultry imports from North Korea following a reported bird flu outbreak in Pyongyang;

**WHEREAS**, the said farms had slaughtered and buried hundreds of thousands of chickens infected by Avian Influenza;

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

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to prevent the entry of pathogenic virus causing avian flu to protect the health of the local poultry population;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARTHUR C. YAP**, 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 North Korea;
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 North Korea by the Bureau of Animal Industry;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from North Korea by all DA Quarantine Inspectors/Officers at all major sea/air ports.

This **Order** shall take effect immediately.

*[Signature]*  
**ARTHUR C. Yap**  
 Secretary

