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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 GERMANY

WHEREAS, based on the report of Dr. Werner Zwingmann, Chief Veterinary Officer, Ministry of Consumer Protection, Food and Agriculture of the Republic of Germany to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE), an occurrence of avian influenza has been detected in the Germany;

WHEREAS, highly pathogenic avian influenza virus subtype H5N1 has been detected in geese and ducks in the province of Thuringen in the District of Saalfelder Hohe;

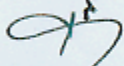
WHEREAS, travelers may bring in birds and its products from Germany;

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of avian influenza virus 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 emergencies:

1. Banning the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products, including day-old chicks, eggs and semen from the Germany.
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance to import the above-stated commodities from the Germany by the Bureau of Animal Industry.
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from the Germany by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/ Inspectors at all major ports.

This **ORDER** shall take effect immediately.


ARTHUR C. YAP
Secretary