

Republic of the Philippines

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Philippines

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MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 11 Series 2008

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 HAITI

WHEREAS, based on the report submitted by Mr. Max Millien, Director, Ministry of Agriculture to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) an occurrence of Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza (LPAI) has been detected in Haitl;

WHEREAS, low pathogenic avian influenza (serotype H5N2) has been detected in poultry in Centre, Carca La source; Nord, Cap Haitlan and Sud, Miragoane, in Haiti affecting poultry for human consumption, backyard poultry, turkey and fighting cocks;

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

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 Department 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 dayold chicks, eggs and semen from Haiti;
- Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC) to import the above-stated commodities from Haiti:
- 3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from Haiti by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Secretary

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