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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 KENTUCKY, USA

WHEREAS, based on the report submitted to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) by Dr. John Clifford, Deputy Administrator, an occurrence of Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza (LPAI) has been detected in Kentucky, USA;

WHEREAS, low pathogenic avian influenza with serotype H7N9 has been detected in a farm in Edmonson County, Kentucky, USA;

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ATTY. ARTHUR C. YAP, Secretary of the 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 day-old chicks, eggs and semen from Kentucky, USA;
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC) to import the above-stated commodities from Kentucky, USA;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from Kentucky, USA by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.

This Order shall take effect immediately.


ATTY. ARTHUR C. YAP
Secretary



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