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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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**SUBJECT: TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF HORSES
ORIGINATING FROM AUSTRALIA**

WHEREAS, based on the official report submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Fishery and Forestry last 25 August 2007, there was an outbreak of Equine Influenza in Sydney in New South Wales, Australia;


WHEREAS, the Equine Influenza outbreak was reported in Centennial Park in the City of Sydney in New South Wales last 24 August 2007;

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of horses originating from Australia to protect the health of the local equine 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 horses originating from Australia;
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC) to Import of the above-stated commodities from Australia by the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI);
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of horses from Australia by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports;

This **Order** shall take effect immediately.


ARTHUR C. YAP
Secretary



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