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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 IDAHO, USA

WHEREAS, based on the report submitted by Dr. Stan Bruntz, National Surveillance Unit Epidemiologist, to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) an occurrence of Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza (LPAI) has been detected in Idaho, USA;

WHEREAS, low pathogenic avian influenza (serotype H5N8) has been detected in a farm in Payette County, Idaho, USA affecting game birds (Pheasants, chukars, partridges, mallard ducks) which are bred and used for release activities (hunting);

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

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, ATTY. 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 day-old chicks, eggs and semen from Idaho, 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 Idaho, USA;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from Idaho, USA by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.

This Order shall take effect immediately.


ATTY. ARTHUR C. YAP
 Secretary

