



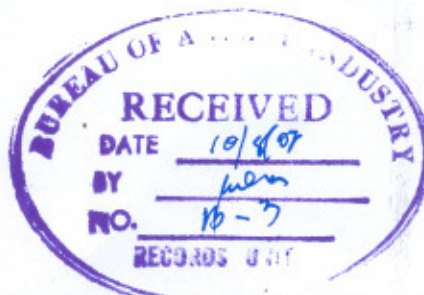
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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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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 THE PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA

WHEREAS, based on the report submitted to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) last September 28, 2007, a Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) virus serotype H7N3 has been detected;

WHEREAS, the outbreak was on a poultry farm in Regina District, Saskatchewan Province, Canada;

WHEREAS, the Philippines imports poultry and other birds from Canada;

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of HPAI virus to protect the health of the local poultry population, as well as human health;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JESUS EMMANUEL M. PARAS, Officer-In-Charge of the Department 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 Province of Saskatchewan, Canada.
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance to import the above-stated commodities from the Province of Saskatchewan, Canada by the Bureau of Animal Industry.
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from the Province of Saskatchewan, Canada by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.

This **ORDER** shall take effect immediately.

JESUS EMMANUEL M. PARAS
 Officer-In-Charge



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