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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 NIGERIA

WHEREAS, Dr. Junaidu A. Maina, Acting Director of the Department of Livestock and Pest Control Services, Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Abuja reported an outbreak of avian influenza to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) last 6 February, 2006;

WHEREAS, the outbreak was reported in Jaji, Igabi, Kaduna State in a commercial poultry layer farm;

WHEREAS, the poultry farm that was affected also kept ostriches and geese;

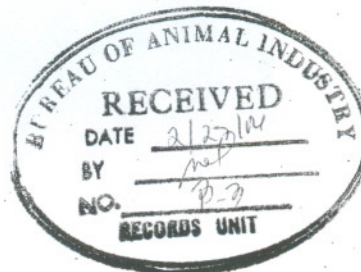
WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of Avian Influenza virus to protect the health of the local poultry population;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN, 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 Nigeria;
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance/International Veterinary Certificate/Import Permit for applications relevant to the importation of the above-stated commodities from Nigeria by the Bureau of Animal Industry;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from Nigeria by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major airports and seaports.

This Order shall take effect immediately.


DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN
Secretary



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