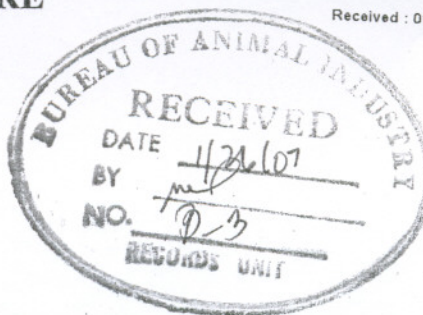




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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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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 JAPAN

WHEREAS, based on the report submitted by the Government of Japan to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) last 13 January 2007, a Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) virus serotype H5 has been detected;


WHEREAS, there is a possibility that travelers may bring in pet birds, poultry and poultry products from Japan;

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, 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 Japan;
2. Immediate suspension of the issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC) to import the above stated commodities from Japan;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from Japan by all DA Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major airports and seaports.

This Order shall take effect immediately.


ARTHUR C. YAP
 Secretary



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