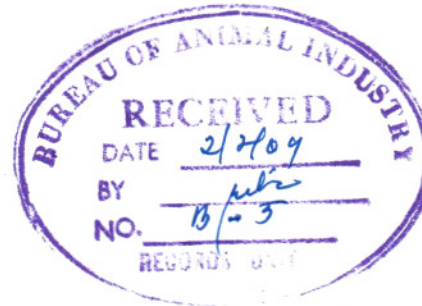




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**MEMORANDUM ORDER**

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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 NEPAL**

**WHEREAS**, based on the report submitted by Dr. Mainall Purushottam Prasad, Director General, to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) an occurrence of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) has been detected in Nepal;

**WHEREAS**, highly pathogenic avian influenza (serotype H5N1) has been detected Nagaar Nagarpalika, in the district of Jhapa, Mechi affecting backyard poultry;

**WHEREAS**, travelers may bring in birds and its products from Nepal;

**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, Office of the 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 Nepal;
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC) to import the above-stated commodities from Nepal;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from Nepal 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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