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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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SUBJECT: LIFTING THE TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD BIRDS AND THEIR PRODUCTS INCLUDING POULTRY MEAT, DAY OLD CHICKS, EGGS AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM NOORD-BRABANT AND ZEELAND, NETHERLANDS

WHEREAS, based on the official final report submitted to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) by Dr. Christianne Brusckhe, Chief Veterinary Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, The Hague, Netherlands, has successfully eradicated the H7N4 and H7N1 low pathogenic avian influenza (LPAI), incident in Noord-Brabant and Zeeland, Netherlands, respectively;

WHEREAS, effective cleaning and disinfection of the affected premises were completed and the case were officially resolved on August 9, 2010 in Noord-Brabant and March 25, 2011 in Zeeland;

WHEREAS, in compliance with Article 10.4.3.2, Chapter 10.4 (avian influenza) of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Noord-Brabant and Zeeland, Netherlands, are now free of the H7N4 and H7N1 LPAI, respectively;

WHEREAS, based on the evaluation of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), the risk of contamination from importing poultry and poultry products from Noord-Brabant and Zeeland, Netherlands, is negligible;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PROCESO J. ALCALA, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby lift the temporary ban on the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products including poultry meat, day old chicks, eggs and semen originating from Noord-Brabant and Zeeland, Netherlands.

All import transactions of the above products shall be in accordance with the existing rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Industry and National Meat Inspection Service (DA-BAI-NMIS).

All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

This ORDER shall take effect immediately.


PROCESO J. ALCALA
Secretary

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