



20 August 2004

MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 23
 Series 2004

SUBJECT: TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION AND TRANS-SHIPMENT OF DOMESTIC AND WILD POULTRY AND BIRDS AND THEIR PRODUCTS INCLUDING POULTRY MEAT, DAY OLD CHICKS, EGGS AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM MALAYSIA

WHEREAS, based on a report submitted by Malaysia to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) last 19 August 2004, has confirmed an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI);

WHEREAS, there is a possibility that some travelers may bring in pet birds from Malaysia;

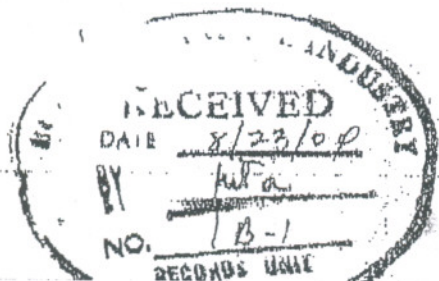
WHEREAS, there is also a possibility of trans-shipment of live domestic and wild birds including poultry meat, day old chicks, eggs and semen through Malaysia;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARTHUR C. YAP, Secretary of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby institute the following emergency measures:

1. Banning the importation and trans-shipment of domestic and wild poultry and birds and their products, including poultry meat, day-old chicks, eggs and semen from Malaysia;
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 Malaysia by the Bureau of Animal Industry;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry products into the country originating and trans-shipped from Malaysia by all DA Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major sea/air ports.

This order shall take effect immediately.



ARTHUR C. YAP
 Secretary

