



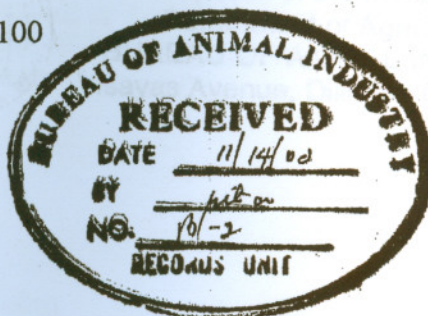
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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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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 SOUTH AFRICA

WHEREAS, based on the final report submitted by Dr. Botlhe Modisane, Senior Manager of Animal Health, National Department of Agriculture, Pretoria to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) last 28 September 2005, the results of countrywide follow-up survey clearly demonstrate the HPAI-free status of the whole of South Africa;

WHEREAS, all tests results from ostriches, commercial chickens and non-commercial chickens were negative for both the H5 and H7 subtypes of avian influenza virus;

WHEREAS, based on the evaluation of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), the risk of contamination from importing poultry and poultry products from South Africa is negligible;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN, Secretary 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 South Africa;

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orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.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

DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN
Secretary