

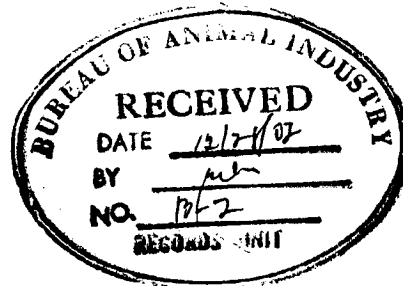
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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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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 SAUDI ARABIA, POLAND & BENIN

WHEREAS, based on the reports submitted by Saudi Arabia, Poland and Benin to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) last 19 November 2007, 3 December, 2007 and 5 December 2007, respectively, outbreaks of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) virus has been detected in Saudi Arabia, Poland and Benin;

WHEREAS, the outbreaks were reported in farms in Ar-Kharj, Al-Muzahmiyah and Dhuma, Ar Riyad, Saudi Arabia, villages in Mysliborzyce and Uniejow in Poland and Honvié and 2ème arrondissement in Benin;

WHEREAS, there is a possibility that travelers may bring in pet birds, poultry and poultry products from Saudi Arabia, Poland and Benin;

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 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 Saudi Arabia, Poland and Benin;
2. Immediate suspension of the issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC) to import the above stated commodities from Saudi Arabia, Poland and Benin;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from Saudi Arabia, Poland and Benin 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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