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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 FRANCE

WHEREAS, based on the final report submitted by France to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) last 19 June 2006, it has completely eradicated the highly pathogenic avian influenza virus subtype H₅N₁;

WHEREAS, all investigations carried out in compliance with European regulations and with the provisions of appendix 3.8.9 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code were favorable;

WHEREAS, the strict restriction measures set-up on 23 February 2006 in relation to the farm case were lifted on 27 March 2006;

WHEREAS, no outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in domestic poultry farms have been discovered in France;

WHEREAS, France regains its status as a highly pathogenic avian influenza-free country on June 18, 2006;

WHEREAS, based on the evaluation of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), the risk of contamination from importing poultry and poultry products from France 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 France.

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orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.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

DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN
Secretary



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