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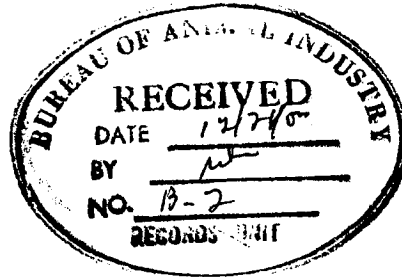
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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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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 THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

WHEREAS, based on the report submitted by Dr. Chang-Seob Kim, Director Animal Health Division to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) last 26 November 2007, outbreak of Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza (LPAI) virus of serotype H7N8 has been detected in Korea;

WHEREAS, the outbreak was reported in a duck-raising farm for meat in Yongdoo-dong, Kwangju-Jikhalsi, Republic of Korea;

WHEREAS, there is a possibility that travelers may bring in pet birds, poultry and poultry products from the Republic of Korea;

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