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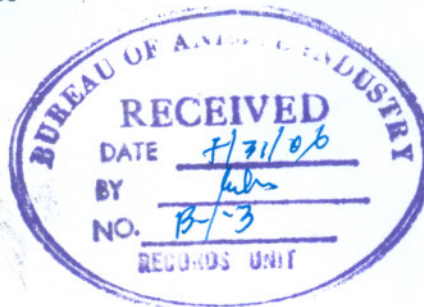
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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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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 MALAYSIA**

WHEREAS, based on the final report submitted by Dr. Hawari Bin Hussein, Director General, Department of Veterinary Service, Ministry of Agriculture, to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) last 18 June 2006, ninety (90) days have elapsed without any evidence of highly pathogenic notifiable avian influenza (HPNAI) since the stamping out policy has been conducted in 22 March 2006;

WHEREAS, no positive cases occurred after clinical and virological surveillance were conducted intensively within a 10km radius after 22 March 2006;

WHEREAS, based on the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the OIE, HPNAI-free status can be regained 3 months after a stamping-out policy (including disinfection of all affected establishments) is applied, providing that surveillance in accordance with Appendix 3.8.9. has been carried out during that three-month period,

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

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orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.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