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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 BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

WHEREAS, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has confirmed the occurrence of avian influenza on a commercial duck farm in British Columbia, Canada last 18 November 2005;

WHEREAS, the virus was detected in a duck and has been confirmed as a low pathogenic H5 North American strain;

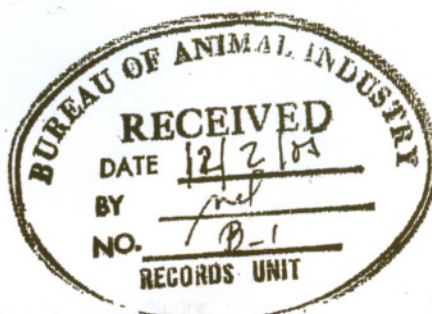
WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of avian influenza virus to protect the health of the local poultry population;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN, Secretary of the 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 British Columbia, Canada;
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance/International Veterinary Certificate/Import Permit for applications relevant to the importation of the above-stated commodities from British Columbia, Canada by the Bureau of Animal Industry;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from British Columbia, Canada by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major airports and seaports.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN
Secretary



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