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MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 26
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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 GERMANY**

WHEREAS, based on the declaration and final report submitted to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) by Prof. Dr. Werner Zwingmann, Chief Veterinary Officer and Head of the Directorate, Animal Health and Food Hygiene, ninety (90) days have elapsed without any evidence of highly pathogenic notifiable avian influenza (HPNAI) since the stamping out policy has been conducted in 04 April 2006;

WHEREAS, no positive cases occurred in the affected farm, and to all contact animals as well as birds in the 3-km. protection zone after the stamping out in 04 April 2006;

WHEREAS, based on the Article 2.7.12.3 of 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 Germany 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 Germany.

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orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.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