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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Office of the Secretary
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MEMORANDUM ORDER
No. **27**
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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 UKRAINE**

WHEREAS, Dr. Petr I. Verbytskiy, Head, State Department for Veterinary Medicine, Ministry of Agricultural Policy, Kiev submitted a report to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) last December 5, 2005 regarding outbreaks of avian influenza virus serotype H5 in Ukraine;
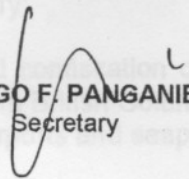
WHEREAS, the outbreaks were reported in the villages of Pushkino and Zavet-Leninskoe, Dzhankoyskiy District, Izobilnoe and Yemelyanovka, Nizhnegorskiy District, and Nekrasovka, Sovetskiy district, Autonomous Republic of Crimea;

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 Ukraine;

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 Ukraine by the Bureau of Animal Industry;

3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from Ukraine 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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