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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 NETHERLANDS**

**WHEREAS**, based on the report of Dr. Peter W. de Leeuw, Chief Veterinary Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries, The Hague to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE), an outbreak of low pathogenic avian influenza subtype H7 has been detected in a poultry farm in Voorthuizen, in the province of Gelderland, the Netherlands;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines imports birds from The Netherlands;

**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 Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby institute the following emergencies:

1. Banning the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products, including day-old chicks, eggs and semen from the Netherlands.
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance to import the above-stated commodities from the Netherlands by the Bureau of Animal Industry.
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from the Netherlands by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/ Inspectors at all major ports.

This **ORDER** shall take effect immediately.

**DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN**  
Secretary

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