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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 IRAQ

WHEREAS, Dr. Dawood Sharief, Director General, Iraqi Veterinary Services, Ministry of Agriculture, Baghdad reported outbreaks of avian influenza virus type H5 to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) last 3 February, 2006;

WHEREAS, the outbreaks were reported in Sarkapkan and Dawaw, Sulaimaniyah, Raniyah;

WHEREAS, all outbreaks in poultry occurred in backyard flocks which includes chickens, geese, turkeys and ducks;

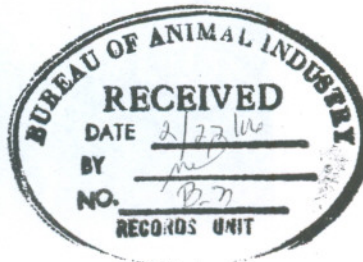
WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of Avian Influenza virus to protect the health of the local poultry population;

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 Iraq;
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 Iraq by the Bureau of Animal Industry;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from Iraq 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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