

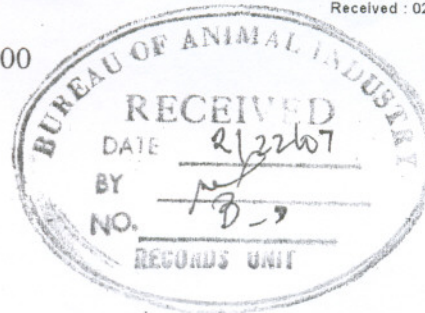


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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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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 UNITED KINGDOM

WHEREAS, based on the report submitted to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) last 3 February 2007, Britain experienced its first outbreak of the highly pathogenic H5N1 strain;

WHEREAS, the outbreak was on a turkey farm on Holton, Suffolk;

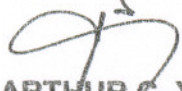
WHEREAS, there is a possibility that travelers may bring in pet birds, poultry and poultry products from United Kingdom;

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of HPAI virus to protect the health of the local poultry population, as well as human health;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARTHUR C. YAP, 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 United Kingdom;
2. Immediate suspension of the issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC) to import the above stated commodities from United Kingdom;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from United Kingdom by all DA Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major airports and seaports.

This Order shall take effect immediately.


ARTHUR C. YAP
Secretary



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