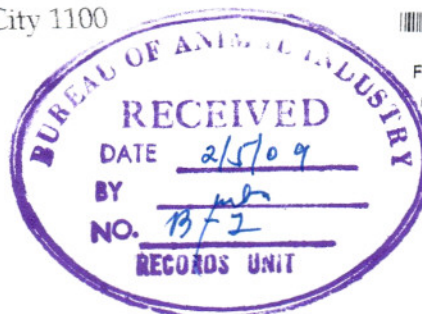




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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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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 SOUTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

WHEREAS, based on the report submitted by Dr. Brian Evans, Chief Veterinary Officer, to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) an occurrence of Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza (LPAI) has been detected in Southern British Columbia;

WHEREAS, low pathogenic avian influenza (serotype H5) has been detected in a turkey farm in Abbotsford, British Columbia;

WHEREAS, travelers may bring in birds and its products from Southern British Columbia;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JESUS EMMANUEL M. PARAS, Officer-In-Charge, Office of the Secretary, 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 Southern British Columbia;
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC) to import the above-stated commodities from Southern British Columbia;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from Southern British Columbia by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

JESUS EMMANUEL M. PARAS
Officer-In-Charge



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