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MEMORANDUM ORDER No. 35 Series 2006

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 REPUBLIC OF KOREA

WHEREAS, based on report submitted by Dr. Chang_Seob Kim, Chief Veterinary Officer, Animal Health Division, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF), Gwacheon last Novemebr 23, 2006 to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE), occurrence of avian influenza virus subtype H5 have been detected in the Republic of Korea;

WHEREAS, there is a possibility that travelers may bring in pet birds, poultry and poultry products from the Republic of Korea;

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of Avian Influenza 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 the Republic of Korea;
- 2. Immediate suspension of the issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC) to import the above-stated commodities from the Republic of Korea;
- Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from the Republic of Korea by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major airports and seaports.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

ARTHUR C. YAP Secretary

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