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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 INDIA AND EGYPT

WHEREAS, based on reports submitted by Mr. P.M.A. Hakeem, Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, New Delhi, and Dr. Ahmed Tawfik Mohamed, Chairman of the General Organization for Veterinary Services, Ministry of Agriculture, Cairo to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) last February 18, 2006 and February 19, 2006 respectively, outbreaks of avian influenza type H5N1 have been detected in India and Egypt;

WHEREAS, the outbreaks of avian influenza type H5N1 were diagnosed in commercial and backyard poultry farms in Navapur, Nandurbar district, Maharashtra state, India and Cairo, Giza, Menia, Quena, Qualiubia, Behera and Dakahlia, in Egypt.

WHEREAS, there is a possibility that some travelers may bring in pet birds, poultry and poultry products from India and Egypt;

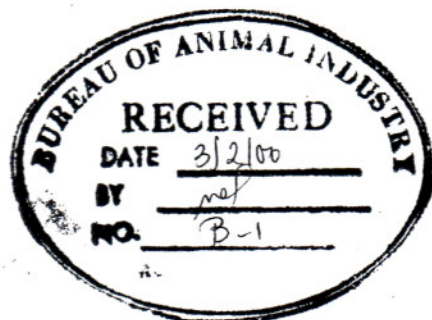
WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of Avian Influenza virus to protect the health of the local poultry population;

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 India and Egypt;
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 India and Egypt by the Bureau of Animal Industry;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from India and Egypt by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major airports and seaports.

This Order shall take effect immediately.


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