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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 THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, USA

WHEREAS, based on the statement of Dr. John Clifford, Chief Veterinary Officer of the United States, the National Veterinary Services Laboratories confirmed that test results for samples from turkeys collected in a farm in West Virginia last March 31, 2007 are indicative of exposure to an H5N2 avian influenza virus;

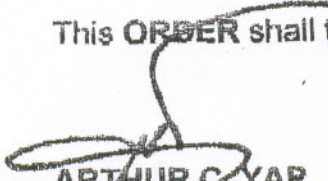
WHEREAS, the Philippines imports poultry and other birds from the US;

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, ARTHUR C. YAP, Secretary of Department Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby institute the following emergencies:

1. Banning the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products, including day-old chicks, eggs and semen from the State of West Virginia, USA.
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance to import the above-stated commodities from the State of West Virginia, USA by the Bureau of Animal Industry.
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from the State of West Virginia, USA by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/ Inspectors at all major ports.

This **ORDER** shall take effect immediately.


ARTHUR C. YAP
Secretary


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