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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 BANGLADESH**

**WHEREAS**, based on the report submitted to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) last 30 March 2007, a Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) virus serotype H5N1 has been detected;

**WHEREAS**, the outbreak was on a poultry farm in Jamalpur, Dhaka Div, Bangladesh;

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

**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 Bangladesh;
2. Immediate suspension of the issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC) to import the above stated commodities from Bangladesh;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from Bangladesh by all DA Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major airports and seaports.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

  
**ARTHUR C. YAP**  
Secretary

