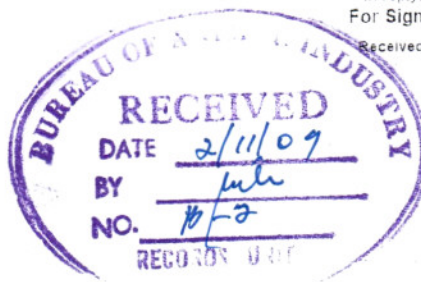




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**MEMORANDUM ORDER**

No. 05  
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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 BELGIUM**

**WHEREAS**, based on the report submitted by Mr. Luc Lengelé, Conseiller General et Chef des Services Veterinaires, to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE), an occurrence of Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza (LPAI) has been detected in Belgium;

**WHEREAS**, two outbreaks of low pathogenic avian influenza (serotype H5) have been detected in a geese breeding farm in Buggenhout, East Flanders and a farm with ornamental birds and poultry in Bocholt, Limburg;

**WHEREAS**, travelers may bring in birds and its products from Belgium;

**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 Belgium;
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC) to import the above-stated commodities from Belgium;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from Belgium by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

**JESUS EMMANUEL M. PARAS**  
Officer-In-Charge

