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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 GERMANY

WHEREAS, based on reports submitted by Professor Werner Zwingmann, CVO, Bundesministerium für Ernährung, Landwirtschaft und Verbraucherschutz, Germany to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) last February 16, 2006, first occurrence of avian influenza has been detected in Germany;

WHEREAS, the occurrence of avian influenza type H5N1 has been diagnosed in wild birds in Germany;

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

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

This Order shall take effect immediately.


DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN
Secretary

