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TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD SUBJECT: BIRDS AND THEIR PRODUCTS INCLUDING POULTRY MEAT, DAY-OLD CHICKS, EGGS AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM DENMARK

WHEREAS, based on the report of Animal Health Division, Ministry of Food and Agriculture and Fisheries of Denmark to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE), an occurrence of low pathogenic avian influenza has been detected in Denmark;

WHEREAS, low pathogenic avian influenza virus (serotype H7) has been detected in a poultry farm in Stenstrup, Svendborg Kommune, South affecting geese chickens, ducks and mallards;

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

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:

- Banning the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products, including day-old chicks, eggs and semen from Denmark.
- 2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance to import the above-stated commodities from Denmark by the Bureau of Animal Industry.
- 3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from Denmark 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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