



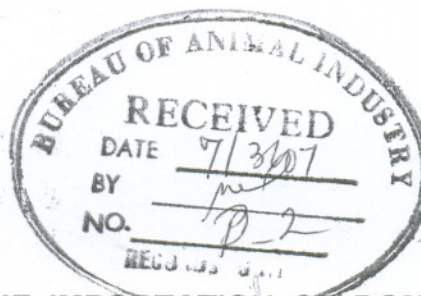
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**MEMORANDUM ORDER**

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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 CZECH REPUBLIC**

**WHEREAS**, based on the report submitted to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) by the Department of Animal Health and Welfare of the Czech Republic last 22 June 2007, there was an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) H5N1 strain;

**WHEREAS**, the outbreak was reported in a turkey farm in Pardubicky Province in 19 June 2007;

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

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

This Order shall take effect immediately.

  
**ARTHUR C. YAP**  
Secretary

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