Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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

WHEREAS, based on the official final report submitted to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) by Dr. Christianne Bruschke, Chief Veterinary Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, The Hague, Netherlands has successfully eradicated the H7N7 low pathogenic avian influenza (LPAI)

WHEREAS, effective cleaning and disinfection of the affected premises were completed and the case was officially resolved last August 13, 2011;

WHEREAS, in compliance with Article 10.4.3.2, Chapter 10.2 (avian influenza) of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Gelderland, Netherlands is now free of the H7N7 LPAI;

WHEREAS, based on the evaluation of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), the risk of contamination from importing poultry and poultry products from Gelderland, Netherlands is negligible;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PROCESO J. ALCALA, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby lift the temporary ban on the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products including poultry meat, day old chicks, eggs and semen originating from Gelderland, Netherlands.

All import transactions of the above products shall be in accordance with the existing rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Industry and National Meat Inspection Service (DA-BAI-NMIS).

All orders, rules and regulations of parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

PROCESO J. ALCALA
Secretary