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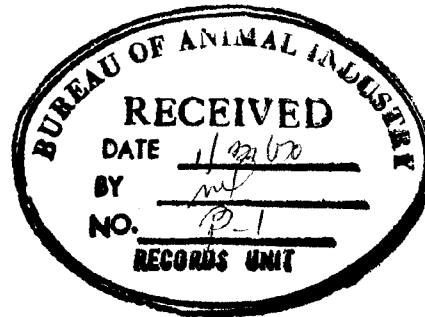
MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL CONCERNED

FROM : THE SECRETARY

DATE : 23 January 2006

SUBJECT : SPECIFIC GUIDELINES ON ANIMAL FEEDS/FEED INGREDIENTS IMPORTATION FROM AVIAN FLU AFFECTED COUNTRIES



In order to minimize the risk in the introduction of Avian Influenza through the importation of Animal Feeds/Feed Ingredients from Avian Flu affected countries, the following guidelines are hereby promulgated:

1. Animal Feeds/Feed Ingredients must be accompanied by a Veterinary Health Certificate issued by the competent Government Veterinary Authority. Information should include the following certification statements:
 - a. The source of the feed ingredients came from areas not affected with the disease and at least 15 kilometers away from the declared quarantine-buffer zones boundary line;
 - b. That the said feeds/feed ingredients must be properly stored for a minimum of two weeks prior to shipment;
 - c. The vehicles that will transport the feed ingredients should be cleaned, free from organic matter and disinfected before loading. The transport route from the source to the shipping port should not pass through Avian Flu quarantined areas.
2. The ship's hatch/storage including containers should be cleaned and disinfected before loading the Feeds/Feed Ingredients.
3. The Philippine Department of Agriculture will accredit a third-party certification company to ensure the implementation of these precautionary measures.

For your information and compliance.

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