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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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SUBJECT: TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD BIRDS INCLUDING POULTRY MEAT, DAY OLD CHICKS, EGG AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM WRIGHT COUNTY, MINNESOTA, USA

WHEREAS, based on the official report submitted to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) by Dr. John Clifford, Deputy Administrator, there was an outbreak of Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza (LPAI) in Wright County, Minnesota, USA;

WHEREAS, low pathogenic avian influenza has been detected in the commercial turkey operation in Wright County, Minnesota, USA;

WHEREAS, travelers may bring in birds and its products from Wright County, Minnesota, USA;

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of LPAI virus to protect the health of local poultry population;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PROCESO J. ALCALA, 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, including day old chicks, eggs and semen from Wright County, Minnesota, USA, with the exception on heat treated products.¹
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearances (VQCs) to import the above-stated commodities from Wright County, Minnesota, USA;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products (with the exception on heat treated products) into the country originating from Wright County Minnesota, USA by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/ Inspectors at all major ports,

This Order shall take effect immediately.

PROCESO J. ALCALA
Secretary

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¹ Heat treated products are acceptable following the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code recommendations, provided that in addition to the Veterinary Health Certificate, the Competent Authority will include in the certification the following:

1. Temperature and duration of heating or pasteurization of products; and,
2. There is no commingling of raw materials with any other material of animal origin.