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Department of Agriculture
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY
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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 ITALY AND GREECE

WHEREAS, based on reports submitted by Dr. Romano Marabelli, head of the Department for Veterinary Public Health, Nutrition and Food Safety, Ministry of Public Health, Rome and Dr. Vasilios Stylos, Head, Animal Health Directorate, Ministry of Agriculture, Athens, to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) last February 11 and 14, 2006 and February 13, 2006 respectively, outbreaks of avian influenza have been detected in Italy and Greece;

WHEREAS, the outbreaks of avian influenza type H5N1 have been diagnosed in swans in Italy and Greece;

WHEREAS, there is a possibility that some travelers may bring in pet birds, poultry and poultry products from Italy and Greece;

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, DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN, 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 Italy and Greece;
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance/International Veterinary Certificate/Import Permit for applications relevant to the importation of the above-stated commodities from Italy and Greece by the Bureau of Animal Industry;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from Italy and Greece by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officer/Inspectors at all major airports and seaports.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN
Secretary