

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Agriculture
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY
Diliman, Quezon City 1100
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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 BULGARIA, SLOVENIA AND AZERBAIJAN

WHEREAS, based on reports submitted by Dr. Nikola T. Belev, Delegate of Bulgaria to the OIE, Dr. Simona Salamon, Deputy Director General, Veterinary Administration of the Republic of Slovenia and Dr. Ismayil Murshud Gasanov, Head, State Veterinary Service, Ministry of Agriculture, Baku, to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE), outbreaks of avian influenza have been detected in Bulgaria, Slovenia and Azerbaijan;

WHEREAS, the outbreaks of avian influenza type H5N1 were diagnosed in Bulgaria and Azerbaijan and avian influenza subtype H5 in Slovenia;

WHEREAS, affected population in Bulgaria and Slovenia were mute swan while various migratory birds in Azerbaijan;

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 Bulgaria, Slovenia and Azerbaijan;
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 Bulgaria, Slovenia and Azerbaijan by the Bureau of Animal Industry;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from Bulgaria, Slovenia and Azerbaijan by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officer/Inspectors at all major airports and seaports.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN
Secretary