

Republic of the Philippines
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 FRANCE

WHEREAS, based on reports submitted by Dr. Monique Eliot, C.V.O., Delegee technique nationale, Paris, France to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) last February 17, 2006, first occurrence of avian influenza has been detected in France;

WHEREAS, the occurrence of avian influenza type H5N1 has been diagnosed in wild birds in France;

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

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

This Order shall take effect immediately.

DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN
Secretary