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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 ALBANIA, CAMEROON, DENMARK, MYANMAR, SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO, POLAND AND SWITZERLAND**

WHEREAS, based on reports submitted by Albania, Cameroon, Denmark, Myanmar, Serbia and Montenegro, Poland and Switzerland to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE), outbreaks of avian influenza have been detected in their countries;

WHEREAS, outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) subtype H5N1 was reported in Albania, Cameroon, Myanmar, Serbia and Montenegro, Poland and Switzerland and subtype H5 in was reported in Denmark;

WHEREAS, there is a possibility that travelers may bring in pet birds, poultry and poultry products from Albania, Cameroon, Denmark, Myanmar, Serbia and Montenegro, Poland and Switzerland;

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of Avian Influenza virus to protect the health of the local poultry population, as well as human health;

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 Albania, Cameroon, Denmark, Myanmar, Serbia and Montenegro, Poland and Switzerland;
2. Immediate suspension of the issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC) to import the above-stated commodities from Albania, Cameroon, Denmark, Myanmar, Serbia and Montenegro, Poland and Switzerland;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from Albania, Cameroon, Denmark, Myanmar, Serbia and Montenegro, Poland and Switzerland by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major airports and seaports.

This **Order** shall take effect immediately.

DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN
Secretary