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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 AFGHANISTAN, GEORGIA, HUNGARY, IRAN, ISRAEL, NIGER, SLOVAKIA AND SWEDEN**

WHEREAS, based on reports submitted by Afghanistan, Georgia, Hungary, Iran, Israel, Niger, Slovakia and Sweden 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 Afghanistan, Hungary, Iran, Israel, Niger, Slovakia and Sweden and subtype H5 in Georgia;

WHEREAS, there is a possibility that travelers may bring in pet birds, poultry and poultry products from Afghanistan, Georgia, Hungary, Iran, Israel, Niger, Slovakia and Sweden;

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 Afghanistan, Georgia, Hungary, Iran, Israel, Niger, Slovakia and Sweden;
2. Immediate suspension of the issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC) to import the above-stated commodities from Afghanistan, Georgia, Hungary, Iran, Israel, Niger, Slovakia and Sweden;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from Afghanistan, Georgia, Hungary, Iran, Israel, Niger, Slovakia and Sweden by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major airports and seaports.

This **Order** shall take effect immediately.

DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN
Secretary