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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 THE UNITED KINGDOM**

WHEREAS, based on the report of Dr. Debbie Reynolds, Animal Health and Welfare Director General and Chief Veterinary Officer of the United Kingdom, an occurrence of avian influenza has been detected in the United Kingdom;

WHEREAS, avian influenza type **H5N1** has been detected in a wild bird in Scotland;

WHEREAS, the Philippines imports live poultry and its products from the United Kingdom;

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 emergencies:

1. Banning the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products, including day-old chicks, eggs and semen from the United Kingdom.
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC) to import the above-stated commodities from the United Kingdom by the Bureau of Animal Industry.
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from the United Kingdom by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.

This **Order** shall take effect immediately.

DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN
Secretary