

Republic of the Philippines  
**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
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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 COTE D'IVOIRE**

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**WHEREAS**, based on the report of Dr. Denis Kouakou, Director of Veterinary Services and Quality, Ministry of Animal Production and Fish Resources, Abidjan to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) an occurrence of avian influenza has been detected in the Cote d'Ivoire;

**WHEREAS**, highly pathogenic avian influenza virus subtype H5N1 has been detected in chickens, ducks and sparrowhawk in Abidjan district (marcory Anoumabo and Treichville communes) in Lagunes region;

**WHEREAS**, travelers may bring in birds and its products from Cote d'Ivoire;

**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 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 the Cote d'Ivoire;
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance to import the above-stated commodities from the Cote d'Ivoire by the Bureau of Animal Industry.
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from Cote d'Ivoire by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports..

This Order shall take effect immediately.

**DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN**  
Secretary