



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 INCLUDING DAY OLD CHICKS, EGGS AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM (Schleswig-Holstein, District of Stormarn and Hessen, District of Waldeck-Frankenberg) GERMANY**

**WHEREAS**, based on the official report submitted by Dr. Karin Schwabenbauer, Ministerial Dirigentin and Chief Veterinary Officer to the Office Internationale des Epizooties (OIE), there was an outbreak of Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza (LPAI) serotype H5N3 in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany;

**WHEREAS**, based on the notification issued by Mr. Bernard Van Goethem, Director of Health and Consumers, Veterinary and International Affairs, European Commission (EU), there was an outbreak of LPAI serotype H5N2 in Hessen, Germany;

**WHEREAS**, LPAI serotypes H5N3 and H5N2 were detected in two (2) mixed poultry farms in Germany on 18 December and 30 December 2012 respectively;

**WHEREAS**, the OIE Animal Health Information Department: H5 and H7 avian influenza in its low pathogenic form in poultry is a notifiable disease as per Chapter 10.4 on avian influenza of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code (2012);

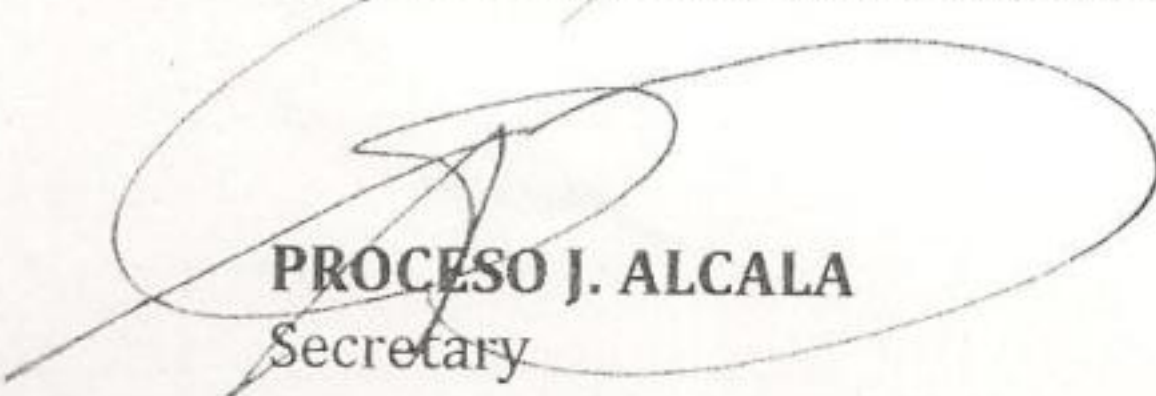
**WHEREAS**, travellers may bring in birds and its products from Germany;


**WHEREAS**, there is a need to prevent the entry of LPAI virus to protect the health of the local poultry population;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, PROCESO J. ALCALA**, Secretary 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, including day old chicks, eggs, and semen from Schleswig-Holstein and Hessen, Germany;<sup>1</sup>
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC/SPS) to import the above-stated commodities from Schleswig-Holstein and Hessen, Germany;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of the above stated commodities (with the exception on heat treated products) into the country originating from Schleswig-Holstein and Hessen, Germany by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.
4. Importation of meat products of poultry is subject to the conditions provided in article 10.4.19, 10.4.20 and 10.4.26 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code, 2012.<sup>2</sup>

This ORDER shall take effect immediately

  
**PROCESO J. ALCALA**  
Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> Heat treated products are acceptable following chapter 10.4 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (2012) recommending, provided that in addition to the Veterinary Health Certificate, the Competent Authority will include in the certification the following:

1. Temperature and the duration of heating or pasteurization of products; and
2. There is no commingling of raw materials with any other materials of animal origin.

<sup>2</sup> Presentation of International Veterinary Certificate attesting that the entire consignment of fresh meat comes from poultry free from Notifiable Avian Influenza (NAI) since they were hatched for the past 21 days; which have been slaughtered in an approved abattoir in a country, zone or compartment free from NAI and have been subjected to ante- and post-mortem inspections in accordance with