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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 POULTRY MEAT, DAY OLD CHICKS, EGGS AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

WHEREAS, based on the official report submitted to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) by Dr. Mark Andrew Schipp, Chief Veterinary Officer, there was an outbreak of Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza (LPAI) in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia;

WHEREAS, low pathogenic avian influenza subtype H5 was detected on the index duck meat grower farm in Melbourne area in Victoria, Australia during routine surveillance from a healthy flock;

WHEREAS, the OIE Animal Health Information Department: H5 and H7 avian influenza in its low pathogenic form in poultry is a notifiable disease per Chapter 10.4 on avian influenza of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code (2011);

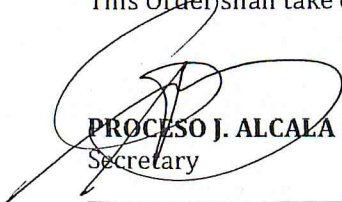
WHEREAS, travelers may bring in birds and its products from Melbourne, Victoria, Australia;

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 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, including day-old chicks, eggs and semen from Melbourne, Victoria, Australia with the exception on heat treated products;¹
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 Melbourne, Victoria, Australia and,
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products (with the exception on heat treated products) into the country originating from Melbourne, Victoria, Australia by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.

This Order shall take effect immediately.


PROCESO J. ALCALA
Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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¹Heat treated products are acceptable following the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code recommendations, provided that in addition to the Veterinary Health Certificate, the Competent Authority will include in the certification the following:

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