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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 CHINESE TAIPEI

WHEREAS, based on the official report submitted to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) by Dr. Kwo-Ching Huang, Chief Veterinary Officer and Deputy Director General, Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan, Taipei, Chinese Taipei, there was an outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in Chinese Taipei;

WHEREAS, the HPAI with subtype H5N2 was detected on broiler breeder farm in Liou-jia District, Tai-nan;

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);

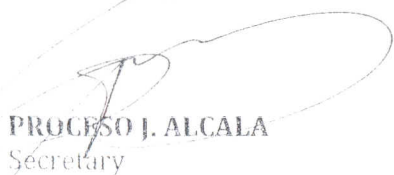
WHEREAS, travelers may bring in birds and its products from Chinese Taipei;

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of HPAI virus to protect the health of the local poultry population as well as human health;

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 Chinese Taipei;
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 Chinese Taipei and,
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from Chinese Taipei by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.

This Order shall take effect immediately.


PROCESO J. ALCALA
Secretary