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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 MEXICO

WHEREAS, based on the official report submitted to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) by Dr. Hugo Fragoso Sanchez, Director General de Salud Animal, Servicio Nacional de Sanidad, Inocuidad y Calidad Agroalimentaria (SENASICA), Secretaria de Agricultura, Ganaderia, Desarrollo Rural, Pesca y Alimentacion (SAGARPA), there was an outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in Mexico;

WHEREAS, the HPAI with serotype H7 were detected on three (3) commercial layer farms in Jalisco, Mexico;

WHEREAS, Avian Influenza in its Notifiable form (NAI) can be divided into Highly Pathogenic Notifiable Avian Influenza (HPNAI) and Low Pathogenicity Notifiable Avian Influenza (LPNAI) per Chapter 10.4.1 on avian influenza of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code (2011);

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

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

This Order shall take effect immediately.

PROCESO J. ALCALA
Secretary



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