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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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SUBJECT: LIFTING THE TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD BIRDS AND THEIR PRODUCTS INCLUDING POULTRY MEAT, DAY OLD CHICKS, EGGS AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

WHEREAS, based on the official report submitted by Dr. Mark Schipp, Chief Veterinary Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Canberra, Australia to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE), the avian influenza event in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, was resolved last 5 June 2012;

WHEREAS, the disinfection of infected premises was completed on 6 March 2012 and no further cases of AI have been detected;

WHEREAS, appropriate surveillance has been completed to demonstrate that the outbreak of LPNAI in ducks has been contained and eradicated;

WHEREAS, in compliance with Article 10.4.3.2, Chapter 10.4 (avian influenza) of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Australia is now free of the H5N3 LPAI;

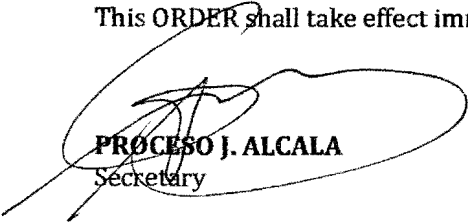
WHEREAS, based on the evaluation of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), the risk of contamination from importing poultry and poultry products from Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, is negligible;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PROCESO J. ALCALA, Secretary of the Department Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby lift the temporary ban on the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products including poultry meat, day old chicks, eggs and semen originating from Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

All import transactions of the above products shall be in accordance with the existing rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Industry and National Meat Inspection Service (DA-BAI-NMIS).

All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

This ORDER shall take effect immediately.


PROCESO J. ALCALA
Secretary

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