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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 NOORD-BRABANT, NETHERLANDS

WHEREAS, based on report submitted by Dr. Christianne Brusckke, Chief Veterinary Officer, there was an outbreak of Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza (LPA) in Noord-Brabant, Netherlands;

WHEREAS, Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza has been detected in free range layer hens in the province of Noord-Brabant;

WHEREAS, travelers may bring in birds and its products from Noord-Brabant, Netherlands;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOEL S. RUDINAS, Officer-In-Charge, 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 Noord-Brabant, Netherlands;
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC) to import the above-stated commodities from Noord-Brabant, Netherlands;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from Italy by all DA veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.

This ORDER shall take effect immediately.

JOEL S. RUDINAS
Officer-In-Charge