



Republic of the Philippines DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Elliptical Road, Diliman 1101 Quezon City Philippines

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MEMORANDUM ORDER No. <u>19</u> Series of 2012

## 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 THAILAND

**WHEREAS**, last 27 February 2009 Dr. Yukol Limlamthong, Director General, Department of Livestock Development (DLD), submitted to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) its final report, on the outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) H5N1 in Thailand;

**WHEREAS**, stamping-out policy was applied to all poultry in all affected farms and disinfection of the last affected farm was completed on 11 February 2009, with no additional case thereafter;

**WHEREAS,** in accordance with Article 10.4.3.1 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Thailand declares that it has met the requirements for recognition as a country free from HPAI H5N1;

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, PROCESO J. ALCALA**, Secretary of 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 Thailand.

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orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.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

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