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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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

WHEREAS, based on the official report submitted to the Office Internationale des Epizooties (OIE) by Dr. Christianne Brusckke, Chief Veterinary Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, The Hague, Netherlands, there was an outbreak of Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza (LPAI) in Utrecht, Netherlands;

WHEREAS, LPAI serotype H7N7 was detected in a free range laying hens in Hagestein, Utrecht, Netherlands last 9 August 2012;

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);

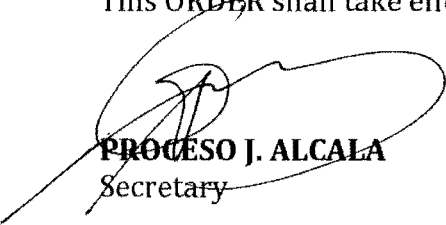
WHEREAS, travellers may bring in birds and its products from Utrecht, Netherlands;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PROCESO J. ALCALA, Secretary 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 Utrecht, Netherlands with exception on the heat treated products;¹
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 Utrecht, Netherlands and,
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products (with the exception on heat treated products) into the country originating from Utrecht, Netherlands by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.

This ORDER shall take effect immediately.


PROCESO J. ALCALA
Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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¹Heat treated products are acceptable following the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code recommending, provided that in addition to the Veterinary Health Certificate, the Competent Authority will include in the certification the following:

1. Temperature and duration of heating or pasteurization of products; and
2. There is no commingling of raw materials with any other materials of animal origin.