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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 SPAIN**

WHEREAS, based on the report submitted to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) last 26 June 2009 by Dr. Lucio Ignacio Carbajo Goni, Subdirector of the General de Sanidad de la Produccion Primaria of Spain, an occurrence of Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza (LPAI) has been detected in Spain;

WHEREAS, Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza with serotype H5 has been detected in a duck farm in Los Arcos, Navarra, Spain;

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ATTY. ARTHUR C. YAP, Secretary of the 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 and their products, including day-old chicks, eggs and semen from Spain;
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC) to import the above-stated commodities from Spain;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from Spain by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.

This Order shall take effect immediately.


ATTY. ARTHUR C. YAP
Secretary