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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 GERMANY**

WHEREAS, based on the report submitted by Dr. Barbara Hoffman of the Federal Ministry of Food and Consumer Protection to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) an occurrence of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) has been detected in Germany;

WHEREAS, highly pathogenic avian influenza (serotype H5NI) has been detected in a farm Markersdorf, Sachsen, Germany affecting geese, duck, chicken and turkeys;

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

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of HPAI virus to protect the health of the local poultry population, as well as human health;

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

This **Order** shall take effect immediately.

ARTHUR C. YAP
Secretary