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MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. <u>32</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 CHINESE TAIPEI (TAIWAN)

WHEREAS, based on the official report submitted by Dr. Kwo-Ching Huang, Chief Veterinary Officer and Deputy Director General, Bureau of Animal and Plant Inspection Quarantine Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan to the Office Internationale des Epizooties (OIE), the H5N2 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI H5N2) event in Chinese Taipei (Taiwan), was resolved last 14 August 2012;

WHEREAS, the disinfection of infected premises was completed on 11 May 2012 and no further cases of HPAI have been reported;

WHEREAS, appropriate surveillance has been completed to demonstrate that the outbreak of HPAI in chickens has been contained and eradicated;

WHEREAS, in compliance with Article 10.4.3., Chapter 10.4 (Avian Influenza) of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Chinese Taipei (Taiwan) is now free from HPAI;

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

NOW, THEREFORE I, PROCESO J. ALCALA, Secretary of the Department 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 Chinese Taipei (Taiwan).

All import transaction 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-BA-NMIS).

All orders, rules and regulation or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provision of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

This ORDER shall take effect immediately.

PROCESO J. ALCALA Secretary

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