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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 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), that there was an outbreak of Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza H5N2 (LPAI H5N2) in Chinese Taipei (Taiwan);

WHEREAS, LPAI serotype H5N2 was detected in layer chicken farm in Chinese Taipei on 12 November 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 (2012);

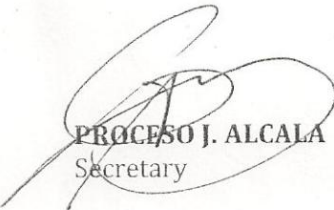
WHEREAS, travellers may bring in birds and its products from Chinese Taipei;

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 Chinese Taipei;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 Chinese Taipei 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 Chinese Taipei 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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¹ Heat treated products are acceptable following chapter 10.4 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (2012) recommending, provided that in addition to the Veterinary Health Certificate, the Competent Authority will include in the certification the following:

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