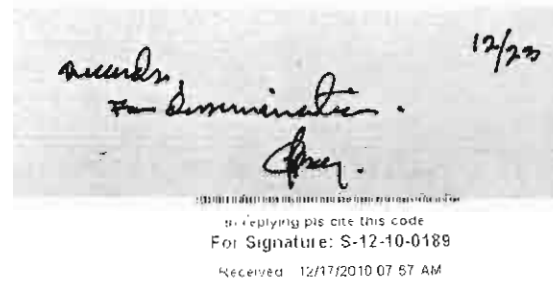




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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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

WHEREAS, based on the report submitted by Dr. Toshiro Kawashima, Chief Veterinary Officer, to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE), Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) has been detected in Japan;

WHEREAS, HPAI (serotype H5) has been detected in a farm in Yasugi City, Simane Province, Japan;

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, PROCESO J. ALCALA, 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 Japan;
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC) to import the above-stated commodities from Japan;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from Japan by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

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PROCESO J. ALCALA
Secretary