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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 FLEVOLAND, NETHERLANDS

WHEREAS, based on the official report submitted to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) by Dr. Christianne Bruschke, Chief Veterinary Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, The Hague, Netherlands, there was an outbreak of Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza (LPAI) in Flevoland, Netherlands;

WHEREAS, low pathogenic avian influenza with serotype H7N7 has been detected in the province of Flevoland, Netherlands;

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 (2010);

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

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 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, including day-old chicks, eggs and semen from Flevoland, Netherlands;
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearances (VQCs) to import the above-stated commodities from Flevoland, Netherlands;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from Flevoland, Netherlands by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports; and
4. Heat treated products are acceptable following the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code recommendations, provided that in addition to the Veterinary Health Certificate, the Competent Veterinary Authority will include in the certification the following:
 - a. Temperature and duration of heating or pasteurization of products; and
 - b. There is no commingling of raw materials with any other material of animal origin.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

PROCESO J. ALCALA
Secretary