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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 BERGAMO, LOMBARDY ITALY**

**WHEREAS**, based on the report submitted to by Bernard Van Goethem, Director, Animal Health and Welfare, Health and Consumers Directorate-General, European Commission, there were outbreaks of Low pathogenic Avian Influenza (LPAI) in Bergamo, Lombardy Italy;

**WHEREAS**, low pathogenic avian influenza (serotype H7N3) has been in detected in two holdings, one is a dealer holding keeping 200 heads of pultry and the other is a holding keeping 3000 laying hens in the province of Bergamo, Lombardy region;

**WHEREAS**, travelers may bring in birds and its products from Bergamo, Lombardy, Italy;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to prevent the entry of LPAI virus to protect the health of the local poultry population;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ATTY. BERNIE G. FONDEVILLA**, 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 Bergamo, Lombardy, Italy;
2. immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC) to import the above-stated commodities from Bergamo, Lombardy, Italy;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from Italy by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.

This order shall take effect immediately.

**ATTY. BERNIE G. FONDEVILLA**

Secretary