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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 GERS and HAUTES-PYRENEES DEPARTMENTS and AQUITAINE REGION, FRANCE

WHEREAS, Section 1770 of Act No. 2711 (Revised Administrative Code of 1917) which was adopted by incorporation together with Sections 1761-1769, in Section 5 of Act 3639 (Charter of BAI) empowers the Department Head to issue a general order preventing the entry of animals, animal effects, parts or products from any country with dangerous communicable animal disease;

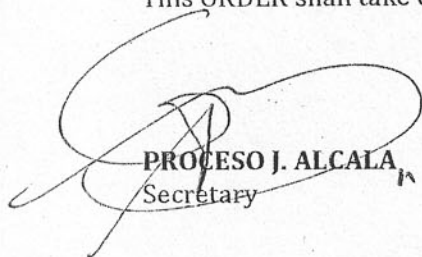
WHEREAS, based on the official reports submitted by Dr Loic Evain, Directeur Général adjoint, CVO, Ministry of Agriculture, Agrifood, and Forestry, Paris, France to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), that there were outbreaks of H5N1, H5N2 and H5N9 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) virus in 9 communes of GERS and in 2 communes of HAUTES-PYRENEES and in the following departments of AQUITAINE REGION, namely: Dordogne, Landes and Pyrenees-Atlantiques from the period of December 2 to 24, 2015 affecting duck, guinea fowl, chicken and geese farms as confirmed by the National Reference Laboratory for Avian Influenza and New Castle Disease (National laboratory);


WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of HPAI virus to protect the health of the public and the local poultry population;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PROCESO J. ALCALA, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby institute the following emergency measures for the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products from GERS and HAUTES-PYRENEES DEPARTMENTS and AQUITAINE REGION, FRANCE:

1. Banning the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products, including poultry meat, day old chicks, eggs, and semen;
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) import clearance to the above-stated commodities;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of the above stated commodities (with the exception on heat treated products) into the country by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.
4. Frozen poultry meat with slaughter/process date of 21 days prior to the HPAI outbreaks are allowed to enter the country subject to veterinary quarantine rules and regulations.¹
5. Importation of meat products of poultry is subject to the conditions provided in article 10.4.19, 10.4.20 and 10.4.26 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code, 2015.²

This ORDER shall take effect immediately.


PROCESO J. ALCALA
Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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¹ Applicable to poultry products already in transit upon the issuance of ban.

² Heat treated products are acceptable following chapter 10.4 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (2014) 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 commingling of raw materials with any other materials of animal origin.

