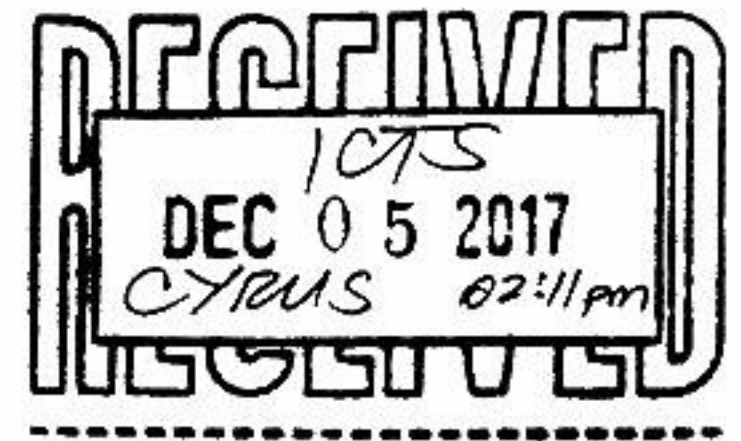




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MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 44
Series of 2017

SUBJECT: LIFTING THE TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD BIRDS AND THEIR PRODUCTS INCLUDING POULTRY MEAT, DAY OLD CHICKS, EGGS AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM *Lincoln County, Tennessee, USA*

WHEREAS, based on the final report submitted by Dr John Clifford, Official Delegate, Chief Trade Advisor, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, United States of America to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), that the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) events in Lincoln County, Tennessee, USA (*with temporary banning order; DA MO No. 23, series of 2017*) are now closed and resolved;

WHEREAS, in accordance to the provisions of Chapter 10.4, article 10.4.3 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code 2016, Lincoln County, Tennessee, USA is now free from HPAI;

WHEREAS, based on the evaluation of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), the risk of contamination from importing poultry and poultry products from Lincoln County, Tennessee, USA is negligible;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby lift the temporary ban on the importation of domestic and wild birds¹ including poultry meat, day old chicks, eggs and semen originating from Lincoln County, Tennessee, USA.

All import transaction of the above products shall be in accordance with existing rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Industry and National Meat Inspection Service (DA-BAI-NMIS).

All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

This **ORDER** shall take effect immediately.

EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL
Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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¹ Importation of domestic and wild birds from accredited sources shall be allowed on or after the issuance of the Order.