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Department of Agriculture  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**  
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**MEMORANDUM ORDER**

No. 21  
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**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 *Grootegast, GRONINGEN, NETHERLANDS***

**WHEREAS**, based on the final report submitted by Dr Christianne Brusckke, Chief Veterinary Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, The Hague, Netherlands to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) that the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) event in Grootegast, Groningen, Netherlands (with previous temporary banning order: DA MO No. 07, series of 2018) is 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 2017, Grootegast, Groningen, Netherlands 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 Grootegast, Groningen, Netherlands is negligible;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL**, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby lift the temporary ban on the importation of domestic and wild birds including poultry meat, day old chicks, eggs and semen originating from Grootegast, Groningen, Netherlands.

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orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.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

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