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Department of Agriculture  
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**MEMORANDUM ORDER**

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**SUBJECT: TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD BIRDS INCLUDING GAME FOWLS FROM CALIFORNIA, USA**

**WHEREAS**, Section 6 and 7 (2) and (4) of Executive Order No. 292 provides the authority and responsibility for the exercise of the mandate of the Department and for the discharge of its powers and functions shall be vested in the Secretary, who shall have supervision and control of the Department, to establish the policies and standards for the operation of the Department pursuant to the approved programs of government and promulgate administrative issuances necessary for the efficient administration of the offices under the Secretary and the proper execution of the laws relative thereto;

**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 data published by the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) there have been a number of confirmed incidences of Virulent Newcastle Disease(VND) in Southern California (Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside), USA affecting backyard exhibition chickens;

**WHEREAS**, the interstate movement of gamefowl poses risk to the spread or break out of diseases;

**WHEREAS**, to provide the Appropriate Level of Protection to the estimated 100 billion peso poultry industry, there is a need to prevent the incursion of VND into the country;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL**, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby institute the following measures for the importation of Game fowls from California, United States of America:

1. Banning the importation of Domestic and Wild Birds including Game fowls from California, USA;
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) import clearance to the above-stated commodity;
3. Strict prohibition of shipment and/or transshipment from all major ports within the banned state.
4. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of the above stated commodity into the country by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.

This ORDER shall take effect immediately.

**EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL**  
Secretary

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