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Department of Agriculture
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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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SUBJECT: LIFTING THE TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD BIRDS FROM SLOVAKIA

WHEREAS, based on the final report submitted by Dr Jozef Bires, Director and Chief Veterinary Officer, Department of Animal Health and Welfare in Bratislava, Slovakia to the World Organisation for Animal Health, that the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) events in Slovakia (*with previous temporary banning order: DA MO No. 15, series of 2006*) 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 2017, Slovakia is now free from HPAI;

WHEREAS, based on the evaluation of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), the risk of contamination from importing domestic and wild birds such as parrots from Slovakia is negligible;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. DAR, Acting 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 birds originating from Slovakia.

All import transaction of the above bird species shall be in accordance with existing rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture and the Bureau of Animal Industry.

All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.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


WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.
Acting Secretary

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