



Republic of the Philippines  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**  
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**MEMORANDUM ORDER**

No. 48

Series of 2020

**SUBJECT: LIFTING THE TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD BIRDS INCLUDING GAMEFOWLS FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (LOS ANGELES, SAN BERNARDINO, RIVERSIDE), USA**

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**WHEREAS**, based on the report submitted by Dr Mark Davidson, Associate Administrator, USDA-APHIS, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington to the World Organisation for Animal Health, the virulent Newcastle Disease (vND) events in Southern California (with previous temporary banning order: DA MO No. 20 series of 2018) are now closed and resolved;

**WHEREAS**, in accordance to the provisions of Article 10.9.3 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code 2019, United States of America is now free from vND ;

**WHEREAS**, based on the evaluation of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), the risk of contamination from importing domestic and wild birds including gamefowl from United States of America is negligible;

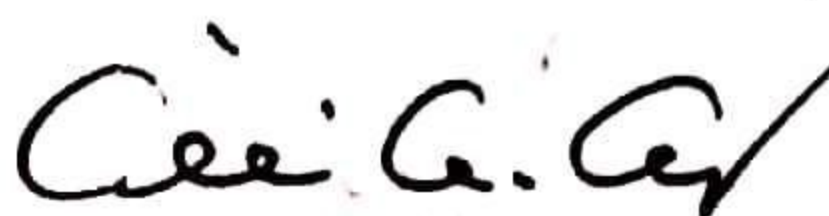
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. DAR**, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby lift the temporary ban on the importation of domestic and wild birds including gamefowls originating from United States of America;

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orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.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

Done this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020

  
**WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.**  
Secretary

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