

**MEMORANDUM ORDER** 

No. <u>08</u> Series of 2021

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 Chesterfield County, South Carolina, United States of America

**WHEREAS,** based on the final report submitted by Dr. Mark Davidson to the World Organisation for Animal Health, that the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) events in Chesterfield County, South Carolina, United States of America (*with previous temporary banning order: DA MO No. 23 series of 2020*) 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 2019, Chesterfield County, South Carolina, United States of America 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 and their products including poultry meat, day old chicks, eggs and semen from Chesterfield County, South Carolina, 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 and their products originating from Chesterfield County, South Carolina, United States of America;

All import transaction of the above bird species shall be in accordance with existing rules and negulations 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All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.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 15th day of January 2021.

WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.

Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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