



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 17
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SUBJECT: TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD BIRDS AND THEIR PRODUCTS INCLUDING POULTRY MEAT, DAY OLD CHICKS, EGGS AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM *the Russian Federation*

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, there are ongoing outbreaks of H5N8 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in several areas of Russian Federation as reported by their veterinary authorities in the World Organisation for Animal Health;

WHEREAS, Russian Federation has reported to World Health Organization its first case of human transmission of H5N8 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza;

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of HPAI virus to protect the health of the local poultry population;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. DAR, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby institute the following emergency measures for the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products from the Russian Federation

- 1 Banning the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products, including poultry meat, day old chicks, eggs, and semen;
- 2 Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) import clearance to the above-stated commodities;

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- 3 Stoppage and confiscation of all shipment of the above stated commodities with the exception on heat treated products, provided it will undergo risk analysis to be performed by the Bureau of Animal Industry.
- 4 All shipments IN TRANSIT prior to the issuance of this Order shall be allowed provided the source is free from HPAI 21 days prior to production date.
- 5 Importation of meat products of poultry is subject to the conditions provided in Article 10.4.19, 10.4.20 and 10.4.26 of OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (2019)¹

This **ORDER** shall take effect immediately and shall remain enforced unless revoked in writing. All orders inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 26th day of February _____ 2021.



WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.
Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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