



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 49
Series of 2021

SUBJECT: LIFTING OF DA MEMORANDUM ORDER 3 SERIES OF 2021 -TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD BIRDS AND THEIR PRODUCTS INCLUDING POULTRY MEAT, DAY OLD CHICKS, EGGS AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM *Netherlands*

WHEREAS, it is the utmost priority of the Government to protect its borders and territories from the entry, establishment and spread of animal diseases that may be introduced by the importation of disease-carrying, contaminated, or adulterated meat and meat products, which may endanger the lives, safety and health of the consuming public, pose risk to animal health, and potentially cause serious economic consequences;

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture (DA) issued Memorandum Order 3 series of 2021 on January 2021 which restricted the entry of poultry commodities from Netherlands due to the widespread outbreaks of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza, as reported by their veterinary authorities to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE);

WHEREAS, based on the report submitted by veterinary authorities of Netherlands to OIE, the outbreaks of HPAI have been resolved following the conditions set in the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code;

WHEREAS, Netherlands has already provided the Philippine Government all supporting documentary evidences on the disease control measures carried out by their veterinary services to contain the HPAI outbreaks in their country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. DAR, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby issue this Memorandum Order regarding the importation of poultry commodities from Netherlands:

1. The temporary ban on the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products originating from Netherlands is lifted;
2. Only poultry meat sourced from Netherlands or from countries granted system accreditation by the Philippines shall be authorized to be exported into the country;
3. In relation to *Item 2*, other system-accredited countries must also have no current ban issued by this Office due to HPAI outbreaks.

All import transaction of the abovementioned commodities shall be in accordance with existing rules and regulations of the DA.

All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.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 25th day of August 2021

WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.
Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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