



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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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 Croatia

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, based on the official report submitted by Director-General, Chief Veterinary Officer, Directorate-General for Veterinary and Food Safety, Ministry of Agriculture, Zagreb, Croatia to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) on January 14, 2022, that there was an outbreak of H5N1 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in Branjin Vrh, Baranja, Croatia affecting poultry birds as confirmed by the Croatian Veterinary Institute - Poultry Centre (National Laboratory);

WHEREAS, Croatia is not an accredited country to export any poultry related commodities to the Philippines but there is a need to prevent the entry of any HPAI susceptible products originating from Croatia that might enter the country through hand carried products from international vessels or any other possible routes;

WHEREAS, there is a need for regulatory controls through Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures to protect human and animal health;

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 Croatia;

1. Banning the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products, including poultry meat, day old chicks, eggs and semen;
2. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of the above stated commodities into the country by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.

This **ORDER** shall take effect immediately.

Done this 31st day of January 2022.

WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.
Secretary

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