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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 24
Series of 2022

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 *Nova Scotia, Canada*

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 the Chief Veterinary Officer, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Alberta, Canada to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) on February 4, 2022 that there was an outbreak of H5N1 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Western Nova Scotia, Canada affecting domestic birds as confirmed by the National Centre for Foreign Animal Disease (NCFAD), Winnipeg, Manitoba (National Laboratory)

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 Nova Scotia, Canada;

1. Banning the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products, including poultry meat, day old chicks, eggs and semen from Nova Scotia, Canada;
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. All shipments coming from Nova Scotia, Canada that are IN TRANSIT/LOADED/ACCEPTED UNTO PORT before the official communication of this Order to the Canadian authorities shall be allowed provided the products were slaughtered/produced before **January 16, 2022**.
4. Shipments which have not complied with the conditions set forth in Item 3 and shall be dealt with as per DA AO 9 S. 2010 Section VII.D;

This **ORDER** shall take effect immediately.

Done this 7th day of March 2022

WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.

Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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