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SUBJECT: DECLARATION OF CAMARINES SUR AND DAVAO DEL SUR AS AVIAN INFLUENZA FREE PROVINCES

WHEREAS, the provinces of Camarines Sur and Davao del Sur were affected by H5N1 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) last March 2022 after grazing ducks tested positive for the virus;

WHEREAS, upon detection of the disease, the Local Government Units, in coordination with DA Regional Field Office and the Bureau of Animal Industry, conducted disease investigation, immediate depopulation, cleaning and disinfection, movement restrictions and surveillance in the affected premises following the Avian Influenza Protection (AIPP) guidelines;

WHEREAS, results of subsequent disease monitoring in the 1-km and 7-km surveillance zones of the abovementioned provinces yielded negative test results for influenza type A virus. The last H5N1 HPAI laboratory detection in Camarines Sur and Davao del Sur were on 12 March 2022 and 1 April 2022, respectively;

WHEREAS, Article 10.4.6. of the World Organisation of the Animal Health (WOAH), Terrestrial Animal Health Code (2021) provides that the Avian Influenza free status of a previously free country or zone may be regained after a minimum period of 28 days after a stamping-out policy has been completed; disinfection of the last affected establishment was carried out; and that consequent surveillance demonstrated the absence of infection.

WHEREAS, prior to the confirmation of the first case of HPAI H5N1 in Camarines Sur and Davao del Sur, they had been free from avian influenza in poultry and through the joint efforts of the LGU, DARFO, and BAI applying effective disease control measures such as stamping out, cleansing and disinfection and other quarantine activities, the risk of further spread from infected premises were effected without delay; and that more than forty (40) days have elapsed since the end of the clean-up and disinfection operations; and surveillance has been carried out in accordance with the WOAH Terrestrial Code and the AIPP with both provinces yielded negative AI test results;

NOW THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. DAR, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, in accordance with the authority vested in me, do hereby declare the Avian Influenza freedom of the provinces of Camarines Sur and Davao del Sur.

Done this 30th day of June 2022.

WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.
Secretary



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