



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 83

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 *Denmark*

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 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 Dr. Charlotte Vilstrup of the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration of Denmark's Ministry of Environment and Food to the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) on November 21, 2022, there was an outbreak of H5N1 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) virus in *Lundby, Slagelse* affecting birds as confirmed by the *Statens Serum Institut* (National laboratory);

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

NOW, THEREFORE, this Order is hereby issued to institute the following emergency measures for the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products from Denmark:

1. Banning the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products, including poultry meat, day-old chicks, eggs, and semen;



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2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application, and issuance of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) import clearance to the above-stated commodities;
3. All shipments coming from Denmark that are IN TRANSIT/LOADED/ACCEPTED UNTO PORT before the official communication of this Order to the Danish Authorities shall be allowed provided that the products were slaughtered/produced on or before November 6, 2022.
4. Shipments that have not complied with the conditions outlined in Item 3 shall be dealt with as per DA AO 9 s. 2010 Section VII.D.

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

Done this 20th day of December 2022.

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Senior Undersecretary



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