



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 *Ireland*

WHEREAS, based on the official report submitted by the Chief Veterinary Officer of the Veterinary Services of the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine to the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) on December 3, 2022, that there was an outbreak of H5N1 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) virus in *Clones, Monaghan*;

WHEREAS, the outbreaks of HPAI serotype H5N1 affecting backyard poultry and poultry farm were confirmed by the Central Veterinary Research Laboratory, (National laboratory);

WHEREAS, the Animal Health Information Department of WOAH listed H5 and H7 High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza viruses as one of the notifiable listed terrestrial animal diseases, infections and infestations in force in 2015;

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of 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 Ireland:

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 originating from Ireland by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.

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

Done this 24th day of December 2022.

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Senior Undersecretary