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MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 44
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SUBJECT: LIFTING THE TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD BIRDS AND THEIR PRODUCTS INCLUDING POULTRY MEAT, DAY-OLD CHICKS, EGGS AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM *Belgium*

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture has imposed *DA Memorandum Order No. 14 Series 2023*, temporarily banning the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products including poultry meat, day-old chicks, eggs and semen originating from Belgium due to the outbreak of H5N1 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI);

WHEREAS, based on the official self-declaration report of Belgium in the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) and the supporting documents submitted by Belgium's Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain, all the fourteen (14) HPAI reported events has ended with resolved status and no additional outbreaks;

WHEREAS, in accordance to the provisions of the Chapter 10.4 of the WOAH terrestrial Animal Health Code, Belgium is now free from HPAI;

WHEREAS, based on the evaluation of the Department of Agriculture (DA), the risk of contamination from importing live poultry, poultry meat, day old chicks, eggs and semen is negligible.

NOW, THEREFORE, this Order is hereby issued to lift the temporary ban on the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products including poultry meat, day-old chicks, eggs and semen originating from Belgium.

All import transaction of the above commodities shall be in accordance with existing rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture;

All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

This **ORDER** shall take effect immediately upon signing.

Done this 23rd day of June 2023.

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Senior Undersecretary