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## MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 53  
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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 Japan**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Agriculture has imposed *DA Memorandum Order No. 69 Series 2022*, temporarily banning the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products including poultry meat, day-old chicks, eggs and semen originating from Japan due to the outbreak of H5N1 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI);

**WHEREAS**, based on the official self-declaration report of Japan in the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) and the supporting documents submitted by their Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries, the eighty-four (84) 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, Japan is now free from HPAI;

**WHEREAS**, based on the evaluation of the Department of Agriculture (DA), the risk of contamination from importing 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 Japan.

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All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.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 9th day of August 2023.

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Senior Undersecretary



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