



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 72
Series of 2023

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 *The Netherlands*

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture has imposed *DA Memorandum Order No. 55 Series of 2023*, temporarily banning the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products including poultry meat, day-old chicks, eggs and semen originating from the *The Netherlands* due to the outbreak of H5N1 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI);

WHEREAS, based on the official self-declaration report of *The Netherlands* in the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) and the supporting documents submitted by the Chief of Veterinary Services Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, all 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, *The Netherlands* 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 *The Netherlands*;

All shipments coming from *The Netherlands* shall be allowed provided that the products were slaughtered/produced on or after October 6, 2023 as endorsed by the National Competent Authority of *The Netherlands*.

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All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.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 6th day of DECEMBER 2023.

FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL JR.
Secretary



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