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MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 15
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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 Philippines has imposed DA Memorandum Order No. 02 Series 2024, temporarily banning the importation of live poultry, poultry products, and by-products including day-old chicks (DOC) and hatching eggs originating from *Belgium*;

WHEREAS, based on the official self-declaration report of Dr. Herman Claeys, Deputy CVO, *Belgium* to the World Organisation Animal Health (WOAH), all reported High Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) cases has ended with resolved status and no additional outbreaks after 21 February 2024;


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*, and shall be in accordance with existing rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture;

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

Done this 11th day of April 2024.


FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL JR.
Secretary A



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