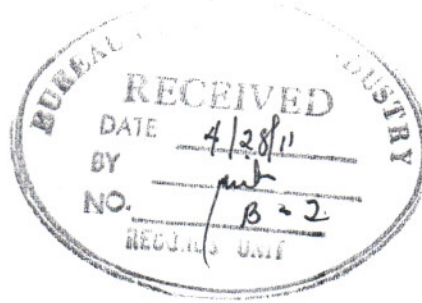




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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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SUBJECT: TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD BIRDS INCLUDING POULTRY MEAT, DAY OLD CHICKS, EGGS AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM SOUTH AFRICA

WHEREAS, based on the report submitted by Dr. Bothle Michael Modisane, Chief Director Partnerships, to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE), Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) has been detected in South Africa;

WHEREAS, HPAI (serotype H5N2) has been detected in a farm in Oudtshorn, Western Cape Province, South Africa;

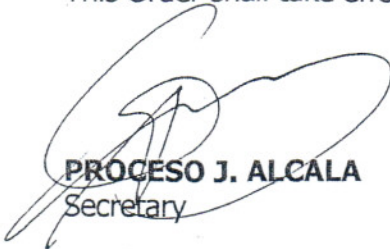
WHEREAS, travelers may bring in birds and its products from South Africa;

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of HPAI virus to protect the health of the local poultry population, as well as human health;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PROCESO J. ALCALA, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby institute the following emergency measures:

1. Banning the importation of domestic and wild birds, including day-old chicks, eggs and semen from South Africa;
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC) to import the above-stated commodities from South Africa;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from South Africa, by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports;

This Order shall take effect immediately.


PROCESO J. ALCALA
Secretary

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