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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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SUBJECT: TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD BIRDS INCLUDING DAY OLD CHICKS, EGGS AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM TZUM, FRIESLAND, THE NETHERLANDS

WHEREAS, based on the official report submitted by Dr. Christianne Brusckke, Chief Veterinary Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, The Hague, Netherlands to the Office International Des Epizooties (OIE), there was an outbreak of Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza (LPAI) in Tzum, Friesland, the Netherlands;

WHEREAS, LPAI serotype H7 was detected in domestic birds which was confirmed by the Netherlands, Central Veterinary Institute, Lelystad (National Laboratory) on 2 August, 2013 thru Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR);

WHEREAS, as per the OIE's Animal Health Information Department and Chapter 10.4 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (2012), H5 and H7 avian influenza in its low pathogenic form in poultry is a notifiable disease;

WHEREAS, travellers may bring in birds and its products from Tzum, Friesland, the Netherlands;

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of LPAI virus to protect the health of the local poultry population;

NOW, THEREFORE I, PROCESO J. ALCALA, Secretary 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 Tzum, Friesland, the Netherlands;¹
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of application and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC/SPS) to import the above mentioned commodities from Tzum, Friesland, the Netherlands;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments containing the above commodities (with an exception on heat treated products) into the country originating from Tzum, Friesland, the Netherlands by all Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.
4. Importation of poultry meat products is subject to the conditions provided in Articles 10.4.19, 10.4.20 and 10.4.26 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code, 2012.²

This ORDER shall take effect immediately.

PROCESO J. ALCALA
Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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¹Heat treated products are acceptable following Chapter 10.4 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (2012) provided that in addition to the Veterinary Health Certificate, the Competent Authority will include in the certification the following:

1. The temperature and duration of heating or pasteurization of products; and
2. There is no co-mingling of raw materials with any other materials of animal origin.

²Presentation of International Veterinary Certificate attesting that the entire consignment of fresh meat comes from poultry free from Notifiable Avian Influenza (NAI) since they were hatched for the past 21 days; have been slaughtered in an approved abattoir in a country, zone or compartment free from NAI and have been subjected to ante- and post-mortem inspections in accordance with Chapter 6.2. of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code and have been found free of any signs suggestive of NAI.

