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Department of Agriculture  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**  
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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 Ostellato, FERRARA and Mordano, Bologna, EMILIA-ROMAGNA, ITALY.**

**WHEREAS**, based on the official report submitted on 15 August, 2013 and 21 August, 2013 by Dr. Romano Marabelli, Chief Veterinary Officer, Department for Veterinary Public Health, Food Safety and Collegial Bodies for Health Protection, Ministry of Health, Rome, Italy to Office International Des Epizooties (OIE), there was an outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in Ostellato, FERRARA and Mordano, Bologna, EMILIA-ROMAGNA Italy;

**WHEREAS**, HPAI serotype H7 was detected in commercial farm of layer hens located in Ostellato, FERRARA which was confirmed by the Italian, Experimental Zooprophyllactic Institute (IZSVE), PADOVA (National Laboratory) on 14 August, 2013 thru Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR);

**WHEREAS**, a secondary outbreak of HPAI serotype H7N7 after the event in Ostellato, FERRARA was detected in Mordano, Bologna affecting another commercial layer farm belonging to the same company;

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

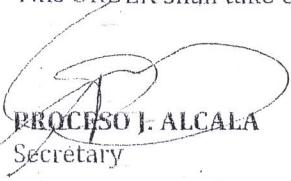
**WHEREAS**, travellers may bring in birds and its products from Ostellato, FERRARA and Mordano, Bologna, EMILIA-ROMAGNA Italy;

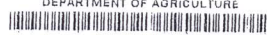
**WHEREAS**, there is a need to prevent the entry of HPAI virus to protect the health of the local poultry population;

**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 poultry meat, day old chicks, eggs, and semen from Ostellato, FERRARA and Mordano, Bologna, EMILIA-ROMAGNA Italy;<sup>1</sup>
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC/SPS) to import the above-stated commodities from Ostellato, FERRARA and Mordano, Bologna, EMILIA-ROMAGNA Italy;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of the above stated commodities (with the exception on heat treated products) into the country originating from Ostellato, FERRARA and Mordano, Bologna, EMILIA-ROMAGNA Italy 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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<sup>1</sup> Heat treated products are acceptable following chapter 10.4 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (2012) recommending, provided that in addition to the Veterinary Health Certificate, the Competent Authority will include in the certification the following:

1. Temperature and the duration of heating or pasteurization of products; and
2. There is no commingling of raw materials with any other materials of animal origin.

