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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 JAPAN.

WHEREAS, based on the official report submitted by Dr. Toshiro Kawashima, Chief Veterinary officer, Animal Health Division, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Tokyo, Japan to the Office Internationale Des Epizooties (OIE) on 13 April, 2014, there was an outbreak of High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza (HPAI) virus in Kuma-gun, Taragi-machi, KUMAMOTO, Japan;

WHEREAS, an outbreak of HPAI of the subtype H5 was detected in a poultry broiler farm and was confirmed through, real-time reverse transcriptase/polymerase chain reaction conducted by Kumamoto Livestock hygiene (Centre Local Laboratory);

WHEREAS, the OIE Animal Health Information Department: H5 and H7 High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza virus are among the notifiable OIE Listed terrestrial animal diseases, infections and infestations in force in 2014;

WHEREAS, travellers may bring in birds and its products from Japan;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PROCESO J. ALCALA, Secretary, 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 poultry meat, day old chicks, eggs, and semen from Japan;¹
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 Japan;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of the above stated commodities (with the exception on heat treated products) into the country originating from Japan by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.
4. Importation of meat products of poultry is subject to the conditions provided in article 10.4.19, 10.4.20 and 10.4.26 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code, 2014.²

This ORDER shall take effect immediately

PROCESO J. ALCALA
Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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¹ Heat treated products are acceptable following chapter 10.4 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (2014) 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.

