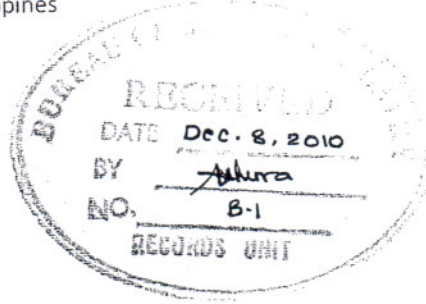




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MEMORANDUM ORDER
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SUBJECT: TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD BIRDS INCLUDING POULTRY MEAT, DAY OLD CHICKS, EGGS AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM MANITOBA, CANADA

WHEREAS, based on a report submitted by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, there was an outbreak of Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza (LPAI) in a commercial poultry operation in Rockwood, Manitoba, Canada;

WHEREAS, low pathogenic avian influenza has been detected in the Rural Municipality of Rockwood Manitoba;

WHEREAS, travelers may bring in birds and its products from Rockwood, Manitoba.

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 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 and their products, including day-old chicks, eggs and semen from Manitoba, Canada;
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC) to import the above-stated commodities from Manitoba, Canada;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from Manitoba, Canada 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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