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MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 61
Series of 2023

SUBJECT: LIFTING THE TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD BIRDS AND THEIR PRODUCTS INCLUDING POULTRY MEAT, DAY-OLD CHICKS, EGGS AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM *the State of South Dakota, United States of America*

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture has imposed DA Memorandum Order No. 29 Series 2022, temporarily banning the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products including poultry meat, day-old chicks, eggs and semen originating from the State of South Dakota, United States of America (USA), due to the outbreak of H5N1 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI);

WHEREAS, based on the official report of USA in the World Organisation for Animal health (WOAH), all HPAI reported events in the State of South Dakota has ended with resolved status and no additional outbreaks are reported;

WHEREAS, in accordance to the provisions of the Chapter 10.4 of the WOAH terrestrial Animal Health Code, the State of South Dakota, USA, is now free from HPAI;

WHEREAS, based on the evaluation of the Department of Agriculture (DA), the risk of contamination from importing poultry meat, day old chicks, eggs and semen is negligible.

NOW, THEREFORE, this Order is hereby issued to lift the temporary ban on the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products including poultry meat, day-old chicks, eggs and semen originating from the State of South Dakota, USA. All import transaction of the above commodities shall be in accordance with existing rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture;

All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

This ORDER shall take effect immediately upon signing.

Done this 6th day of September 2023.

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Senior Undersecretary



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