



Republic of the Philippines  
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**MEMORANDUM ORDER**

No. 33  
Series of 2020

**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 *Czech Republic***

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**WHEREAS**, based on the final report submitted by Dr. Zbyněk Semerád, Director General State Veterinary Administration, Prague, Czech Republic to the World Organisation for Animal Health, that the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) events in Slovakia (*with previous temporary banning order: DA MO No. 13 series of 2020*) are now closed and resolved;

**WHEREAS**, in accordance to the provisions of Chapter 10.4, article 10.4.3 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code 2019, Czech Republic is now free from HPAI;

**WHEREAS**, based on the evaluation of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), the risk of contamination from importing poultry meat, day old chicks, eggs and semen is negligible;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. DAR**, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby lift the temporary ban on the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products originating from Czech Republic;

All import transaction of the above bird species shall be in accordance with existing rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture and the Bureau of Animal Industry.

All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.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

Done this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020

**WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.**  
Secretary

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