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MEMORANDUM ORDER No. <u>73</u> Series of 2022

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 Nova Scotia, Canada

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture has imposed DA Memorandum Order No. 24 series of 2022 due to the detection of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in Nova Scotia, Canada;

WHEREAS, based on the report of the veterinary authority of Canada to the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) and the supporting documents submitted by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) all outbreaks of HPAI in Nova Scotia are now closed and resolved;

WHEREAS, in accordance to the provisions of Chapter 10.4 of the WOAH Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Nova Scotia, Canada 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 originating from the Province of Nova Scotia, Canada;

All import transaction of the above bird species shall be in accordance with existing rules and regulations of the DA.

All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.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 23rd day of November 2022

DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN Senior Undersecretary

