

**MEMORANDUM ORDER**

No. 71  
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 *Ireland***

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Agriculture has imposed *DA Memorandum Order No. 84 Series of 2022*, temporarily banning the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products including poultry meat, day-old chicks, eggs and semen originating from *Ireland* due to the outbreak of H5N1 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI);

**WHEREAS**, based on the official self-declaration report of *Ireland* in the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) and the supporting documents submitted by the Chief Veterinary Officer, Veterinary services Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, all HPAI reported events has ended with resolved status and no additional outbreaks;

**WHEREAS**, in accordance to the provisions of the Chapter 10.4 of the WOAH Terrestrial Animal Health Code, *Ireland* 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 *Ireland*;

All shipments coming from *Ireland* Port shall be allowed provided that the products were Slaughtered/produced on or after November 20, 2023 as endorsed by the National Competent Authority of *Ireland*;

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All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.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 16th day of DECEMBER 2023.

**FRANCISCO TIO LAUREL, JR.**  
Secretary

