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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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Subject: **LIFTING THE TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD BIRDS INCLUDING DAY OLD CHICKS, EGGS AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM Lochem, Province of Gelderland, the Netherlands**

WHEREAS, based on the official report submitted by Dr. Christianne Bruschuke, Chief Veterinary officer, Ministry of Nature and Food Quality, the Hague, Netherlands to the Office International Des Epizooties (OIE) on 16 June, 2013, the Avian Influenza event in Lochem, Province of Gelderland, the Netherlands has been officially resolved;

WHEREAS, appropriate surveillance has been completed to demonstrate that the outbreak of Low Pathogenic Notifiable Avian Influenza (LPNAI) in poultry has been contained and eradicated;

WHEREAS, in compliance with Article 10.4.4, Chapter 10.4 Avian Influenza of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Lochem, Province of Gelderland, the Netherlands is now free of the H7N7 LPNAI;

WHEREAS, based on the evaluation of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), the risk of contamination from importing poultry and poultry products from Lochem, Province of Gelderland, the Netherlands is negligible;

NOW, THEREFORE I, PROCESO J. ALCALA, 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 including day old chicks, eggs and semen originating from Lochem, Province of Gelderland, the Netherlands.

All import transactions of the above products shall be in accordance with the existing rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Industry and National Meat Inspection Service (DA-BA-NMIS).

All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provision of this Order are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

PROCESO J. ALCALA
Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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