

DA - Memo Order



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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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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 *Oostkamp and Menen in West Flanders, BELGIUM*

WHEREAS, based on the final report submitted by Dr Jean-François Heymans, Director, Animal Health and Safety of Products of Animal Origin, Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain in Bruxelles, Belgium to the World Organisation for Animal Health, that the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) events in Oostkamp and Menen in West Flanders, Belgium (*with previous temporary banning order: DA MO No. 31, series of 2017*) 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 2017, Belgium is now free from HPAI;

WHEREAS, based on the evaluation of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), the risk of contamination from importing poultry and poultry products from Oostkamp and Menen in West Flanders, Belgium is negligible;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL, Secretary, 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 poultry meat, day old chicks, eggs and semen originating from Oostkamp and Menen in West Flanders, Belgium.

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

All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.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

EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL
Secretary