



MEMORANDUM ORDER

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SUBJECT: TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD BIRDS AND THEIR PRODUCTS INCLUDING POULTRY MEAT, DAY-OLD CHICKS, EGGS, AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM *Chinese Taipei, Ecuador, Moldova, and Peru*

WHEREAS, Section 6 and 7 (2) and (4) of Executive Order No. 292 provides the authority and responsibility for the exercise of the mandate of the Department and the discharge of its powers and functions shall be vested in the Secretary, who shall have supervision and control of the Department, to establish the policies and standards for the operation of the Department pursuant to the approved programs of government and promulgate administrative issuances necessary for the efficient administration of the offices under the Secretary and the proper execution of the laws relative thereto;

WHEREAS, Section 1770 of Act No. 2711 (Revised Administrative Code of 1917) which was adopted by incorporation together with Sections 1761-1769, in Section 5 of Act 3639 (Charter of BAI) empowers the Department Head to issue a general order preventing the entry of animals, animal effects, parts or products from any country with dangerous communicable animal disease;

WHEREAS, based on the official reports submitted by Chinese Taipei, Ecuador, Moldova, and Peru to the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), outbreaks of H5N1 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) virus have been detected in domestic birds of these countries;

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of the HPAI virus to protect the health of the local poultry population;

NOW, THEREFORE, this Order is hereby issued to institute the following emergency measures for the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products from *Chinese Taipei, Ecuador, Moldova, and Peru*:

1. Banning the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products, including poultry meat, day-old chicks, eggs, and semen;
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application, and issuance of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) import clearance to the above-stated commodities;



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3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of the above-stated commodities (with the exception on heat-treated products) into the country by all Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports of entry.

This **ORDER** shall take effect immediately and shall remain enforced unless revoked in writing. All orders inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 29th day of December 2022.

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