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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 *Czech Republic*

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture has imposed DA Memorandum Order No. 82 Series 2022, temporarily banning the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products including poultry meat, day-old chicks, eggs and semen originating from the Czech Republic due to the outbreak of H5N1 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI);

WHEREAS, based on the official report of Czech Republic in the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), all HPAI reported events in the Czech Republic has ended with resolved status and no additional outbreaks are reported;

WHEREAS, in accordance to the provisions of the Chapter 10.4 of the WOAH terrestrial Animal Health Code, the Czech Republic 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 Czech Republic. 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All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.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 10th day of August 2023.

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Senior Undersecretary



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