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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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SUBJECT: LIFTING THE TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD BIRDS INCLUDING GAME FOWLS FROM NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, USA

WHEREAS, based on the information published by the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), since May 18, 2018 and until November 29, 2018, USDA has 185 confirmed cases of virulent Newcastle Disease (vND) in California: 104 in San Bernardino County, 41 in Riverside County, 39 in Los Angeles County and 1 in Ventura, County;

WHEREAS, the biosecurity and control measures implemented prevented the spread of the disease to Northern California, USA;

WHEREAS, based on the evaluation of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), the risk of contamination from importing domestic and wild birds from Northern California, USA 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 originating from Northern California, USA.

All import transaction of game fowls shall be in accordance with the following conditions:

1. The birds shall be identified using the wing band or leg band;
2. The birds shall undergo a pre-export quarantine for 30 days in a USDA-approved and NPIP certified export facility;
3. The birds shall be accompanied with a Veterinary Quarantine Clearance to Import issued by BAI and Health Certificate issued by USDA, and;
4. The birds shall be placed under quarantine for a minimum period of 30 days in the approved quarantine site (on farm quarantine) in the Philippines. The birds shall be subjected to appropriate disease testing and periodic inspection during this period.

All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.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