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MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 02

Series of 2014

SUBJECT: LIFTING THE TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD BIRDS INCLUDING DAY OLD CHICKS, EGGS AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM GERMANY, the NETHERLANDS, PORTUGAL, ITALY AND DENMARK WITH LOW PATHOGENICITY AVIAN INFLUENZA.

WHEREAS, based on recommendations of Resolution no. 29 Annex XXIII under item no. 18 Avian Influenza (Chapter 10.4) re: Amendments to the Office Internationale des Epizooties (OIE) Terrestrial Animal Health Code 2014 which was adopted by the member countries during the OIE 81st General Session in May 2013, the importation of domestic and wild birds including day old chicks, eggs and semen from countries with Low Pathogenicity Avian Influenza (LPAI) will be allowed following the conditions provided in the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code 2014.

WHEREAS, in accordance to the provisions listed in Chapter 10.4 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code 2014, notifiability on outbreaks of Avian Influenza shall apply to viruses of such with High Pathogenicity only,

WHEREAS, in compliance to the amendments in chapter 10.4 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code 2014, importation of domestic and wild birds including day old chicks, eggs and semen originating from *Germany, the Netherlands, Portugal, Italy and Denmark*, with previous events of Low Pathogenicity Avian Influenza shall be allowed provided however that such importations shall meet the conditions set under Chapter 10. 4 of the OIE terrestrial animal health code 2014.

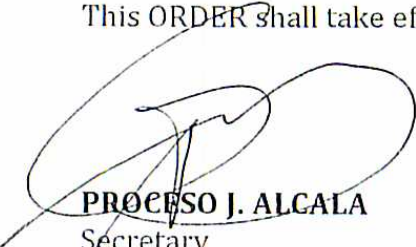
WHEREAS, based on the evaluation of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) and in accordance to the provisions for the importation of poultry and poultry products set under Chapter 10.4 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code 2014, the risk of contamination from importing poultry and poultry products from the above EU countries 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 EU countries with Low Pathogenicity Avian Influenza.

All importation of the above products shall be in accordance with the existing rules and regulation of the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Industry and National Meat Inspection Services (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

