



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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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 NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA

WHEREAS, based on the official report submitted to the Office Internationale des Epizooties (OIE) by Dr. Mark Schipp, Chief Veterinary Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, that there was an outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in New South Wales, Australia;

WHEREAS, HPAI serotype H7 was detected in a free range laying hens in New South Wales, Australia on 9 November 2012;

WHEREAS, the OIE Animal Health Information Department: H5 and H7 avian influenza in its high pathogenic form in poultry is a notifiable disease per Chapter 10.4 on avian influenza of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code (2012);


WHEREAS, travellers may bring in birds and its products from New South Wales, Australia;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PROCESO J. ALCALA, Secretary of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby institute the following emergency measures:

1. Banning the importation of domestic and wild birds, including day old chicks, eggs, and semen from New South Wales, Australia;¹
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC/SPS) to import the above-stated commodities from New South Wales, Australia and;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products (with the exception on heat treated products) into the country originating from New South Wales, Australia by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.

This ORDER shall take effect immediately


PROCESO J. ALCALA
Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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¹ Heat treated products are acceptable following chapter 10.4 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (2012) recommending, provided that in addition to the Veterinary Health Certificate, the Competent Authority will include in the certification the following:

1. Temperature and the duration of heating or pasteurization of products; and
2. There is no coming of raw materials with any other materials of animal origin.