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Department of Agriculture
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May 30, 2017

MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. <u>28</u> Series of 2017

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 the Netherlands

WHEREAS, based on the final report submitted by Dr Christianne Bruschke, Chief Veterinary Officer, Ministry of Economic Affairs, The Hague, Netherlands to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), that the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) event in the Netherlands (with temporary banning order: DA MO No. 04, series of 2017) is now closed and resolved;

WHEREAS, in accordance to the provisions of Chapter 10.4, article 10.4.3 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code 2016, the Netherlands is now free from HPAI;

WHEREAS, based on the evaluation of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), the risk of contamination from importing poultry and poultry products from the Netherlands is negligible;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL, 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 birds¹ including poultry meat², day old chicks, eggs and semen originating from the Netherlands.

All import transaction of the above products shall be in accordance with existing rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Industry and National Meat Inspection Service (DA-BAI-NMIS).

All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

This ORDED shall take effect immediately.

EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL

Secretary

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and on or ofter the issuance of this Order shall be allowed.

 $^{^{\}rm I}$ Imnortation of domestic and wild birds shall be allowed on or after the issuance of the Order.