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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

Addendum

The following communication, received on 4 November 2015, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the <u>Philippines</u>.

DA Memorandum Order (MO) No. 44, series of 2015, 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 Whitley County, Indiana and Missouri, USA

The Department of Agriculture (DA) issued MO. No. 44, series of 2015, 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 Whitley County, Indiana and Missouri, USA, which was imposed per DA MO No. 31, series of 2015 due to the reported outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) virus. DA MO No. 31 took effect on 26 May 2015.

Based on the follow up report No. 30 submitted by Dr John Clifford, Deputy Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture, United States of America to the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), that the HPAI events are now closed in the following areas: Whitley County, Indiana and Missouri, USA. Based on the evaluation of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), the risk of contamination from importing poultry and poultry products from Whitley County, Indiana and Missouri, USA is negligible.

http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/PHL/15_4442_00_e.pdf

This addendum concerns a:

	Modification of final date for comments
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