

## **TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD BIRDS AND THEIR PRODUCTS INCLUDING POULTRY MEAT, DAY OLD CHICKS, EGGS AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

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WHEREAS, the Ministry of Health in the People's Republic of China, has confirmed the presence of highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza in poultry in the southern province of Guangxi;

WHEREAS, there is a possibility that some travelers may bring in pet birds from People's Republic of China;

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of pathogenic virus causing avian flu to protect the health of the local poultry population;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LUIS P. LORENZO, JR., 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 and their products, including day-old chicks, eggs and semen from the People's Republic of China;
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance/International Veterinary Certificate/Import Permit for applications relevant to the importation of the above-stated commodities from People's Republic of China by the Bureau of Animal Industry;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from People's Republic of China by all DA Quarantine Inspectors/Officers at all major sea/air ports.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: 28 Jan. 2004

(SGD.) LUIS P. LORENZO, JR.  
Secretary

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