

TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD BIRDS AND THEIR PRODUCTS INCLUDING POULTRY MEAT, DAY-OLD CHICKS, EGGS AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM DELAWARE, USA

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WHEREAS, the US Department of Agriculture confirmed the occurrence of avian flu in Kent County, Delaware, USA last February 6, 2004;

WHEREAS, there were two (2) birds tested positive for the virulent H7 virus in the said state;

WHEREAS, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea and Hong Kong already imposed a ban on US poultry imports;

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 Delaware, USA.
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 Delaware, USA by the Bureau of Animal Industry.
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from Delaware, USA by all DA Quarantine Inspectors/Officers at all major sea/airports.

This ORDER shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: 9 Feb. 2004

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

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