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MEMORANDUM ORDER No. <u>**</u> Series of 2024

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 United Kingdom

WHEREAS, the Philippines has imposed Department of Agriculture (DA) Memorandum Order No. 18 Series 2021, temporarily banning the importation of live poultry, poultry products, and by-products including day-old chicks (DOC) and hatching eggs originating from United Kingdom;

WHEREAS, based on the official report of Professor Christine Middlemiss, UK Chief Veterinary Officer, Department for Food, Environment and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) in the World Organisation Animal Health (WOAH), all affected zones in Northern Ireland (NI) and Great Britain (GB) reported the closure of High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza (HPAI) and has ended with resolved status and no additional outbreaks after 29 March 2024;

WHEREAS, in accordance to the provisions of the Chapter 10.4 of the WOAH Terrestrial Animal Health Code, United Kingdom is now free from HPAI;

WHEREAS, based on the evaluation of the DA, the risk of contamination from importing poultry meat, DOC, eggs and semen is negligible.

NOW, THEREFORE, this Order is hereby issued to lift the temporary ban on the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products including poultry meat, DOC, eggs and semen originating from United Kingdom;

All import transaction of the above commodities shall be in accordance with existing rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture;

This **ORDER** shall take effect immediately and shall remain enforced unless revoked in writing. All orders inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this $\underline{\mathcal{P}^{\text{K}}}$ day of $\underline{\text{hv}_{\text{Ku}}}$ 2024.

FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL Secretary



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