

## Republic of the Philippines OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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**MEMORANDUM ORDER** 

No. <u>50</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 Denmark

**WHEREAS,** the Philippines has imposed DA Memorandum Order No. 83 Series 2022, temporarily banning the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products including poultry meat, day-old chicks, eggs and semen originating from *Denmark*;

WHEREAS, based on the official report of Dr Charlotte Vilstrup, Chief Veterinary Officer, Danish Veterinary and Food Administration – Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Delegate of *Denmark* in the World Organisation Animal Health (WOAH), all reported cases of High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza (HPAI) have ended with resolved status and no additional outbreaks after 12 September 2024;

**WHEREAS,** in accordance to the provisions of the Chapter 10.4 of the WOAH terrestrial Animal Health Code, *Denmark* is now free from HPAI;

WHEREAS, based on the evaluation of the Department of Agriculture (DA), the risk of contamination from importing live poultry, poultry meat, day old chicks, 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, day-old chicks, eggs and semen originating from *Denmark*. All import transactions 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 12th day of November 2024.

FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL JR.

Secretary

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