



Republic of the Philippines
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MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 59
Series of 2020

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO DA MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 40 SERIES OF 2020 ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD BIRDS AND THEIR PRODUCTS INCLUDING POULTRY MEAT, DAY OLD CHICKS, EGGS AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM AUSTRALIA

WHEREAS, as reflected in the official reports of Dr Mark Schipp, Chief Veterinary Officer, Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, Australian Government, Canberra, Australia in the World Organisation for Animal Health, the H7N7 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza has been limited to Lethbridge, Victoria, Australia since its first report on 31 July 2020;

WHEREAS, based on the documents submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment of Australia, immediate disease control measures were carried out by their veterinary services to contain the HPAI;

WHEREAS, after careful evaluation of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) on the documentary evidences of the veterinary services of Australia, the risk of contamination from importing domestic and wild birds and their products including poultry meat, day old chicks, eggs and semen outside Lethbridge, Victoria, Australia is negligible;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. DAR, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby amend DA Memorandum Order No. 40 series of 2020 with the following measures:

1. The importation of the abovementioned commodities will be allowed provided it will be sourced from areas outside Lethbridge, Victoria, Australia
2. Additional attestations on the veterinary health certificate on all exports of poultry meat from Australia in accordance to Article 10.4.19. of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (2019):
 - a. The birds were kept in a country, zone or compartment free from infection with high pathogenicity avian influenza viruses in poultry since they were hatched or for at least the past 21 days;
 - b. The birds were slaughtered in an approved abattoir in a country, zone or compartment free from infection with high pathogenicity avian influenza viruses in poultry and have been subjected to ante- and post-mortem inspections in accordance with Chapter 6.3 and have been found free of any signs suggestive of avian influenza.

All import transaction of the above commodities shall be in accordance with existing rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Industry and National Meat Inspection Service.

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All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

This **ORDER** shall take effect immediately.

Done this 6th day of November 2020.

WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.

Secretary

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