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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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SUBJECT: LIFTING THE TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF ORNAMENTAL FOWLS INTO THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) issued Memorandum Circular No. 13 s.2024 on March 6, 2024, temporarily restricting the importation of gamefowl into the Philippines in line with strengthening the guidelines prior to its entry into the country;

WHEREAS, the movement of live birds through importation from accredited countries and/or establishments is allowed, provided it has clearance from the Veterinary Competent Authority as prescribed in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) Article 5.4.5 and 5.7.1 Animal Health Measures Applicable Before, at Departure and On Arrival;

WHEREAS, Department of Agriculture – Memorandum Circular No. 12, s. 2017, provides the general importation procedures of live animals into the Philippines, while BAI Memorandum Circular No. 24 and MC No. 46 s. 2022 provide guidance to Veterinary Quarantine Officers, Animal Quarantine Inspectors, and all its stakeholders on the laboratory submission protocol during the mandatory 30-day quarantine period for all live birds, poultry, and non-poultry;

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Animal Industry conducted an initial public consultation on April 11, 2024, to gather extensive information and guidance for revising the Import Terms and Conditions for Live Birds. This process, aimed to be accomplished in six months, involves further stakeholder consultations to ensure utmost safety and efficiency in the importation of live birds;

NOW THEREFORE, while the revision of the Import Terms and Conditions is ongoing, the temporary restriction on the importation of gamefowls into the Philippines is hereby **LIFTED**, subject to the utmost strict compliance with the existing Import Terms and Conditions for Live Birds and all other laws and regulations relative to this importation. All orders, rules, and regulations or parts of BAI Memorandum Circular No. 13, Series of 2024, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

Done this 20th day of Jun 2024.

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