

## Republic of the Philippines OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Elliptical Road, Diliman 1100 Quezon City

MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. <u>34</u> Series of 2023

SUBJECT:

LIFTING THE TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF LIVE POULTRY, POULTRY PRODUCTS, AND BY-PRODUCTS INCLUDING DAY-OLD CHICKS (DOC), AND HATCHING EGGS, ORIGINATING FROM THE COUNTY OF CALIFORNIA

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines has imposed DA Memorandum Order No. 71 Series 2022, temporarily banning the importation of live poultry, poultry products, and by-products including day-old chicks (DOC) and hatching eggs originating from California, USA;

WHEREAS, based on the official report of US Veterinary Authorities in the World Organisation Animal Health (WOAH), two out of three counties of California (San Diego and Merced) reported the closure of High Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) cases has ended with resolved status and no additional outbreaks after, last 10 April 2023;

**WHEREAS**, as a country recognized with HPAI regionalization arrangement with the Philippines, state-wide trade restrictions shall only be imposed if there are three (3) or more counties affected by HPAI;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** this Order is hereby issued to lift the temporary ban on the importation of live poultry, poultry products, and by-products including day-old chicks (DOC) and hatching eggs originating from California, USA, and shall be in accordance with existing rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture;

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orders, rules, and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.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

Done this the day of May 2023

DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN Senior Undersecretary

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