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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 *Germany*

WHEREAS, the Philippines has imposed DA Memorandum Order No. 15 Series 2020, temporarily banning the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products including poultry meat, day-old chicks, eggs and semen, originating from *Germany;*

WHEREAS, the official report of Dr. Katharina Kluge, Head of Directorate of Animal Health and Animal Welfare and Delegate of *Germany* to the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) has reflected that the reported case of HPAI has ended with resolved status and no additional outbreaks;

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

WHEREAS, based on the evaluation of the Department of Agriculture (DA), the risk of contamination from domestic and wild birds and their products including poultry meat, day-old chicks, eggs and semen, is *negligible*.

NOW, THEREFORE, this Circular 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 *Germany*. Nonetheless, all import transactions of the above commodities slaughtered/produced after the issuance of this circular may commence again in accordance with existing rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture;

This **CIRCULAR** shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication in the Official website of the Department of Agriculture and upon its filing of three (3) copies thereof with the Office of the National Administrative Register at the University of the Philippines Law Center, Diliman, Quezon City.

Done this 4th day of November 2026.

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