[BAI MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 06, S. 2004, January 28, 2004]

TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD BIRDS AND THEIR PRODUCTS INCLUDING POULTRY MEAT, DAY OLD CHICKS, EGGS AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM CAMBODIA, LAO PDR AND PAKISTAN

WHEREAS, an outbreak of avian influenza has been confirmed in Cambodia, Lao PDR and Pakistan;

WHEREAS, there is a possibility that some travelers may bring in pet birds from Cambodia, Lao PDR and Pakistan;

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of AI virus to protect the health of the local poultry population;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LUIS P. LORENZO, JR., Secretary of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby institute the following emergency measures:

- 1. Banning the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products, including day-old chicks, eggs and semen from Cambodia, Lao PDR and Pakistan;
- 2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance/International Veterinary Certificate/Import Permit for applications relevant to the importation of the above-stated commodities from Cambodia, Lao PDR and Pakistan; by the Bureau of Animal Industry;
- 3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from Cambodia, Lao PDR and Pakistan by all DA Quarantine Inspectors/Officers at all major sea/air ports.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: 28 Jan. 2004

(SGD.) LUIS P. LORENZO, JR. Secretary