

**[BAI MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 02, S. OF 2008,
January 10, 2008]**

**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 THE STATE OF VIRGINIA, USA**

WHEREAS, based on the final report submitted by the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE), ninety (90) days have elapsed without any evidence of low pathogenic avian influenza (LPAI) since the cleaning and disinfection of infected premises conducted in 04 August 2007;

WHEREAS, based on the Article 2.7.12.3 of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the OIE, AI-free status can be regained 3 months after a stamping-out policy (including disinfection of all affected establishments) is applied, providing that surveillance in accordance with Appendix 3.8.9 has been carried out during that three-month period.

WHEREAS, based on the evaluation of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), the risk, of contamination from importing poultry and poultry products from the State of Virginia, USA is negligible;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARTHUR C. YAP, Secretary of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby 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 the State of Virginia, USA.

All import transactions of the above products shall be in accordance with the existing rules and regulations of the, Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Industry and National Meat Inspection Service (DA-BAI-NMIS).

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orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.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

Adopted: 10 Jan. 2008

(SGD.) ARTHUR C.YAP
Secretary
