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MEMORANDUM FROM THE SECRETARY

TO : All the Regional Executive Directors
The Director, Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau

SUBJECT : Implementation of measures to minimize
transmission of bird flu from wild birds to
domestic poultry in the country

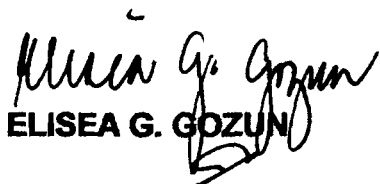
In the face of bird flu outbreak in some Asian countries, all the DENR Regional and Field Offices are hereby instructed to undertake the following measures to prevent possible transmission of the disease into the country:

1. Daily surveillance of major entry points especially those open to international routes and prevent the entry of any bird species coming from Japan, Vietnam, Korea, Cambodia, Thailand, Indonesia, Laos, Hongkong, Pakistan, Taiwan, China and other countries as may be determined by PAWB, in coordination with the Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Animal Industry;
2. Surveillance of areas where migratory species congregate and report immediately to this Office, copy furnished PAWB, of any observed high incidence of wild bird mortality;
3. Undertake public awareness campaign and enjoin the local government units, local communities pier/airport authorities, customs officials and other concerned parties to cooperate in implementing the above-cited measures;
4. Institute other measures as necessary.

The PAWB shall update the Regional Offices on the list of countries affected by bird flu from time to time.

The REDs and the PAWB Director shall submit to the Secretary regular status reports on their compliance to this Memorandum. The REDs shall furnish PAWB copies of their regular reports for consolidation.

For strict compliance.


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