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**MEMORANDUM FROM THE SECRETARY**

TO : The Director, PAWB  
All Regional Executive Director  
DENR Region 1-12, NCR, CAR and CARAGA

SUBJECT : **Suspending the issuance of wildlife import permits for all wild birds including their by-products and derivatives**

In the face of bird flu outbreak and to prevent or minimize the risk of possible transmission of the highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) into the country and to our local poultry population, the issuance of wildlife import permits for all cage and pet wild birds including their by-products and derivatives is hereby suspended.

In this regard, please instruct your DENR Wildlife Monitoring Teams assigned at the airports and seaports to be more vigilant in preventing the illegal entry, import, transport and trade of wild birds into the country. Tighter surveillance on the illegal entry and trade of wild birds coming from Indonesia or from suspected bird flu infected countries through the ports of General Santos City, Davao City and Zamboanga City including that of Ninoy Aquino International Airport, Subic International Airport, and Cebu-Mactan International Airport shall be closely monitored. In performing the assigned duty, you are advised to coordinate with the Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Animal Industry Quarantine Inspectors/Officers assigned at the airports/seaports.

This instruction shall take effect immediately.

For your strict compliance.

  
MICHAEL T. DEFENSOR,  




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