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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 15 November 2004, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the Philippines.

Lifting of Temporary Ban on Poultry and Poultry Products from South Korea

The Department of Agriculture issued Memorandum Order N°. 33, series of 2004, lifting the temporary ban on the importation of poultry and poultry products from South Korea which was imposed per DA MO N°. 32, series of 2003 in view of the occurrence of the highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). DA MO N°. 33, s. 2004, takes effect on 17 October 2004.

The Korean Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) submitted a report to the *Office Internationale des Epizooties* (OIE) last 21 September 2004, that the final serological testing found no evidence of H₅N₁ subtype of avian influenza. Based on the evaluation of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) of the Philippines, the risk of contamination from importing poultry and poultry products from Korea is negligible.

The full text copy of relevant documents can be obtained from the address below:

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