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Temporary Ban on Live Birds and Products from Scott County, Arkansas

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Report Highlights:

In response to a detection of Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza (LPAI) H7N7 in Scott County, Arkansas, the Philippine Department of Agriculture issued a temporary ban on the importation of domestic and wild birds (including day old chicks, eggs and semen) originating from that area. The importation of poultry meat from Scott County will continue to be allowed provided an International Veterinary Certificate is presented attesting that the meat comes from Notifiable Avian Influenza free flocks. The ban, under Memorandum Order 26, was signed on July 26, 2013 and took effect immediately. While the original ban applied to the entire state, FAS and APHIS Manila were able to convince the Philippine DA to issue a much narrower ban consistent with previous LPAI related restrictions.

General Information:

Based on a notification from the USDA to the Office Internationale de Epizooties (OIE) about an outbreak of Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza (LPAI) H7N7 in Scott County, Arkansas, the Philippine Department of Agriculture (DA) issued a temporary ban on the importation of domestic and wild birds (including day old chicks, eggs and semen) originating from that area. The ban, under Memorandum Order (MO) 26, was signed on July 26, 2013 and took effect immediately. While the original ban, under MO23, applied to the entire state, FAS and APHIS Manila were able to convince the Philippine DA to issue a much narrower ban consistent with previous LPAI related restrictions.

Consistent with the OIE Terrestrial Code of 2012, the importation of poultry meat from Scott County will continue to be allowed provided an International Veterinary Certificate (IVC) is presented attesting that the meat comes from Notifiable Avian Influenza free flocks. Heat treated products will also continue to be allowed provided additional information on temperature, duration of heating or pasteurization is included in the IVC.

The complete text of the Memorandum Orders is available on:

<http://www.da.gov.ph/index.php/laws-issuances/memorandum-orders/131-mo-2013>

The Philippines imported roughly \$95 million worth of U.S. live poultry and poultry products in 2012, up almost 19 percent from the previous year. The Philippines is the largest market for U.S. poultry products in Southeast Asia and Arkansas is the second largest poultry producer in the United States.