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CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 102-2017

To: All Deputy Commissioners
All Directors and Division Chiefs
All District/Port Collectors
And Others Concerned

Subject: South Korea's Nationwide Ban on the Transport of Live Poultry

Attached is the letter dated July 6, 2017 of Atty. Luis M. Catibayan, Director, Bureau of Imports Services, DTI endorsing a copy of an urgent Notification from the Office of Asian and Pacific Affairs, DFA informing that on 11 June 2017, South Korea's Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (MAFRA) imposed a nationwide ban on the trade and transportation of live poultry for chicken and ducks until 25 June 2017. This ban aims to curb the avian flu outbreak which has already affected fifteen (15) farms across South Korea.

For your information and guidance.

For record purposes, please confirm the dissemination of this circular throughout your offices within fifteen (15) days from receipt hereof.


NICANOR E. FAELDON
Commissioner



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Dear **Commissioner Faeldon**:

This pertains to the attached notification from the Department of Foreign Affairs-Office of Asian and Pacific Affairs, Assistant Secretary Millicent Cruz-Paredes regarding the imposition of a nationwide ban on trade and transportation of live poultry for chicken and ducks issued by South Korea's Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (MAFRA).

For your information.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
ATT. LUIS M. CATIBAYAN
Director

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Sirs:

The Department respectfully informs your good Offices that on 11 June 2017, South Korea's Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (MAFRA) imposed a nationwide **ban on the trade and transportation of live poultry for chicken and ducks until 25 June 2017**. The ban aims to curb the avian flu outbreak which has already affected fifteen (15) farms across South Korea. The outbreak is expected to drive up the process of poultry and eggs in the local markets.

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The latest outbreak begun at a farm in Gunsan, North Jeolla Province, 274 kilometers south of Seoul and spread nationwide mainly through small farms. The government presumed that merchants, acting as middlemen in the distribution process, may have caused the virus to spread.

Among the areas affected include Jeju with six (6) infected farms, Ulsan with (3), and Busan and North Jeolla both with two (2) infected poultry farms. As of 10 June 2017, as a preventive measure, over 185,000 birds have been buried at 180 farms across South Korea.

We hope you will find this information useful.

Thank you and best regards.

Very truly yours,

For the Secretary of Foreign Affairs:

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