NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

PHILIPPINES

Restrictions on the import of wild birds

1. This Notification is being distributed at the request of the Philippines.

2. The Philippines wishes to inform Parties that it suspended the issuance of import permits for birds of wild origin and products and derivatives thereof in December 2005. This suspension remains in effect for birds originating in countries either infected or suspected to be infected by the avian influenza, based on the updated list established by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE).

3. Imports of specimens from countries not affected by the avian influenza are still subject to certain conditions put in place as part of the Philippines' measures to prevent transmission of the disease into its territory. Applications for these imports will be examined on a case-by-case basis.