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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Richard Breitmeyer
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FROM: Leroy M. Coffman, DVM, State Veterinarian
Director, Division of Animal Industry

SUBJECT: Avian Influenza Outbreak

Due to the recent outbreak of Avian Influenza (AI) in other states and in accordance to Chapter 5C-3.002(2) and 5C-3.012(2), the State of Florida will not be permitting or otherwise granting permission for the importation of any poultry, hatching eggs, chicks, turkeys, quail, pheasants, pigeons, peafowl, waterfowl and other domestic fowl used for commercial, exhibition, or breeding purposes originating from the following state:

California

Nevada

Effective immediately, we are requesting that any/all of the above referenced animals or products from the above state attempting to enter Florida be denied access and be returned to their state of origin.

When such shipments are denied, please immediately notify our Division of Animal Industry. Furthermore, we also request that you also notify the State Veterinarian's Office in Georgia (404-656-3667) immediately.

You will be notified in the event any other state(s) become affected by AI and will need to be added to this memorandum.

If you need further assistance with this matter, please contact our Division office during the day at 850-410-0900 and after hours refer to section B-5 in your Livestock Manual for phone contacts.

Thank you in advance for your usual cooperation and assistance.

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