

Executive Order No. 330

To lift any quarantine that has been imposed upon the southwest islands of Hatohobei State and Sonsorol State.

WHEREAS, beginning in 2005 two frightening illnesses originating from the Asian continent have threatened to sweep the globe: the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and the Avian Influenza (H5N1); and

WHEREAS, these frightening illnesses spurred the issuance of Executive Order No. 236, which established the National Avian Influenza Advisory and Coordination Team; and

WHEREAS, the National Avian Influenza Advisory and Coordination Team led a quarantine officer under the auspices of the Bureau of Agriculture to issue an Advisory Directive to quarantine all plants, animals, and food products transported to mainland Palau from the southwest islands of Sonsorol State and Hatohobei State; and

WHEREAS, not a single case of either SARS or the Avian Influenza has ever been detected within the Republic; and

WHEREAS, the quarantine placed upon Hatohobei State and Sonsorol State has marginalized the inhabitants of the Southwest Islands from mainland Palau by limiting their economic earning capacity, limiting their ability to conduct commerce of agricultural products, and adversely affected their overall living standard; and

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority and power set forth in the Constitution in the President to “enforce the law of the land,” the President hereby orders as follows:

(1) That any quarantine that has been imposed upon Sonsorol State and Hatohobei State for the purpose of preventing the spread of SARS or the Avian Influenza is hereby ordered to be lifted.

(2) The National Avian Influenza Advisory and Coordination Team is ordered to immediately advise the President of the need to again impose a quarantine to prevent the spread of SARS, the Avian Influenza, or any other disease that merits the imposition of a quarantine.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this
March 25, 2013:

/s/

Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.
President
Republic of Palau