## STATE OF MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

**ORDER OF: THE SECRETARY** 

OF AGRICULTURE,

RESCINDING 2<sup>nd</sup> AMENDED ORDER

RESTRCTING THE MOVEMENT OF

POULTRY LITTER GENERATED IN

CERTAIN AREAS OF THE STATE,

That being: Order # 2022-06A

**ORDER No. 2022-07R** 

Authority: Agriculture Article, §§ 3-101 *et seq.*, Annotated Code of Maryland

ORDER RESCINDING 2<sup>nd</sup> AMENDED ORDER (No. 2022-06A) RESTRICTING THE MOVEMENT OF POULTRY LITTER GENERATED IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE STATE

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Agriculture, State of Maryland, having determined that it was necessary to prevent the spread of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) to protect the health and well-being of the State's poultry, issued a series of orders restricting the movement of poultry litter generated in certain areas of the State (that being: (a) Order No. 2022-04 issued on March 9, 2022; (b) Amended Order No. 2022-05A issued on March 9, 2022; and (c) 2<sup>nd</sup> Amended Order 2022-06A issued on April 7, 2022);

WHEREAS, 2<sup>nd</sup> Amended Order, which superseded Order # 2022-04 and Amended Order 2022-05A), imposed the following requirements:

(a) <u>For farms within the defined Restricted Area that receives poultry</u>: A person may not transport poultry litter from these farms unless the following conditions are met:

(i) At least fourteen days have passed after the poultry have been taken to

processing; and

(ii) The person transporting the litter has received a permit from the Maryland

Department of Agriculture to move the litter and complies with the terms of the permit.

(b) For farms outside the defined Restricted Area that receives poultry: A person

may not transport poultry litter from these farms unless at least fourteen days have passed

after the poultry have been taken to processing (no permit is required)

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Agriculture, State of Maryland, has determined that:

(a) the potential spread of HPAI from the transportation of poultry litter that caused the

Secretary to establish 2<sup>nd</sup> Amended Order # 2022-06A has diminished and thus, no longer

poses an immediate threat to the health of the State's poultry; and (b) for this reason, that

the requirements and prohibitions set forth in this Order addressing this concern are no

longer necessary to protect the health of the State's poultry;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph Bartenfelder, Secretary of Agriculture, State of

Maryland, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Agriculture Article, §§ 3-101

through 3-119, Annotated Code of Maryland, on this 1st day of June, 2022, hereby

**ORDERS:** 

That, effective immediately, Emergency Order # 2022-06A is hereby

RESCINDED.

Dated: June 1, 2022

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