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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
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SUBJECT: Defining the Role of the Different Livestock/Poultry and Allied Associations in the Implementation of RA 8485

Pursuant to Republic Act 8485 otherwise known as the Animal Welfare Act of 1998, the Department of Agriculture (DA) through the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) has been identified as the implementing agency. For the more efficient implementation of this Act, the following livestock/poultry and allied associations:

1. Philippine Animal Hospital Association (PAHA)
2. Philippine College of Canine Practitioners (PCCP)
3. Veterinary Practitioners Association of the Philippines (VPAP)
4. Philippine College of Swine Practitioners (PCSP)
5. United Swine Practitioners Associations (USPA)
6. Philippine Association of Hog Raisers, Inc. (PAHRI)
7. National Federation of Hog Farmers, Inc. (NFHF)
8. Philippine Association of Equine Practitioners (PAEP)
9. Philippine College of Poultry Practitioners (PCCP)
10. Philippine Association of Laboratory Animal Science (PALAS)

Are hereby tapped to assist the DA-BAI in its activities. These associations shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

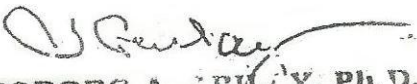
1. Police their own ranks in the observance of animal welfare concerns.
2. Assists in the distribution of registration forms to their members
3. Collect the dully filled-up registration forms from their members, submit and endorse these to the Animal Welfare Division, BAI for evaluation and processing.
4. Provide technical assistance in their field of expertise.

For their guidance, the following farm/animal facility shall be required to register:

1. Large ruminant farm - minimum of 20 head;
2. Small ruminant farm - minimum of 50 head;
3. Hog Farm - minimum of 20 sows;
4. Poultry farm - minimum of 10,000 birds;
5. Gamecock farm - minimum 1000 birds; and
6. Dog and Cats facilities - with a minimum of 20 dogs/cats.

This Memo Circular shall take effect immediately upon arrival.

RECOMMENDING APPROVAL


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(Note: Minimum number of animals in the farm or facility is been amended. Please refer to DA-AC No.4 "Registration of Animal Facilities")