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Welcome to the BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY!

Mabuhay! The Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) is a government agency under the Department of Agriculture which was created by virtue of Act 3639 on January 1, 1930. Through the years, the Bureau underwent several reorganizations. The latest of which is Executive Order No. 366 dated 04 October 2004 "Directing a Strategic Review of the Operations and Organizations of the Executive Branch and Providing Options and Incentives for Government Employees Who may be Affected by the Rationalization of the Functions and Agencies of the Executive Branch", where the BAI was rationalized. In the approved rationalization plan, several divisions and centers were merged.

BAI Vision


A premier agency for a vibrant and globally competitive animal industry towards food security by 2030.

BAI Mission

To make the animal industry productive, profitable, and sustainable through sound policies, programs, research, and services on animal production, post-harvest, health, and welfare.

BAI Core Values


- **INTEGRITY** We do what we say
- **PROFESSIONALISM** We demonstrate competence and commitment in reaching high standards of performance.
- **PROACTIVE ORIENTATION** We take the initiative to continually improve our service delivery.
- **ACCOUNTABILITY** We take responsibility and answerability for our actions.
- **COLLABORATION** We work collaboratively with all relevant stakeholders to achieve results.

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BAI Mandates

As restructured by Executive Order No. 338, S. 2001, "Restructuring the Department of Agriculture, Providing Funds Therefor, And for Other Purposes", the functions of the BAI shall be to:

1. Develop technologies that improve and sustain the development of the livestock and poultry industry which ensure food security and competitiveness of the local produce in the global market;
2. Plan, coordinate and implement research and development programs for livestock and poultry, especially concerning genetics and breeding system, animal nutrition, feeds and feeding system, animal health and disease control and containment and post-production and value-adding meat products technology;
3. Conserve, improve and utilize genetic resources through biotechnology and genetic engineering;
4. Encourage the active participation of the private sector in the sustainable development of the animal industry by creating a conducive investment climate for livestock and poultry production;
5. Institutionalize linkages with regional field units (RFUS), state colleges and universities (SCUs), local government units (LGUs), non-government organizations (NGOs) and other government instrumentalities to address technological needs for the sustainable development of the livestock and poultry industry;
6. Conduct quality control testing of feeds and veterinary biologics and drugs for safeguard animal health and industries;
7. Investigate, diagnose and report cases of communicable and emerging exotic diseases affecting livestock and poultry;
8. Establish a workable investigation, surveillance, reporting and appraisal system for animal diseases, including uniform collation of data and information on disease occurrences;
9. Set a quarantine inspection system relative to inter-regional and international movement of animals, animal products, including documentation and issuance of permit and commodity clearance in relation hereto;
10. Adopt measures that would prevent the entry of exotic and communicable disease into the country consistent with international standards, statutes, protocols set for inter-country and inter-regional cooperation;
11. Formulate long and short term-range policies, rules and regulations regarding the registration and licensing and quality assurance for the operations of feed manufacturers, feed dealers, feedstuff importers and drug manufacturers, traders, and distributors;
12. Recommend specific policies and procedures governing the flow, handling and transport of livestock/poultry and livestock/poultry products; and
13. Under RA No. 8485 (Animal Welfare Act), supervise and regulate the establishment, operation and maintenance of pet shops, kennels, veterinary clinics, veterinary

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hospitals, stockyards, corrals, stud farms and zoos, and any other form of or structure for the confinement of animals where they are bred, treated, maintained or kept either for sale or trade or for training as well as the transport of such animal in any form of public or private transportation facility in order to provide maximum comfort while in transit and minimize, if not totally eradicate incidence of sickness and death and prevent any cruelty from being inflicted upon the animals.

BAI Objectives

The BAI's objectives are to formulate policies, plans, programs and projects, disseminate technological information, monitor and evaluate livestock programs and projects as well as provide technological assistance and adequate support services to accelerate the development of the livestock, poultry and dairy industries in the following areas of concern:


- Animal Health and Welfare
- Livestock Production, Technology and Research Development
- Feed Resources Development
- Laboratory Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory
- Post-Production Technology
- Animal Feeds, Veterinary Drugs and Biologics Regulations

BAI ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS

As an agency, the functions of the various operating units of BAI are as follows:

A. ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE DIVISION

- **Animal Disease Control Section** to, among others, provide technical assistance (e.g., provision of emergency vaccines, antibiotics, deformers, personal protective equipment and disinfectants) to RFOs and LGUs to control animal disease outbreaks; develop programs and project proposals for the prevention, control and eradication of priority animal diseases and zoonoses; and develop and prescribe standard operating procedures (SOPs) and guidelines for animal disease control;
- **Veterinary Epidemiology Section** to, among others, develop and implement surveillance systems for the early detection and warning of local and foreign animal diseases; lead in the conduct of animal disease outbreak and other epidemiological investigations; and plan and organize epidemiological studies as bases for sound animal health programs;

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- **Animal Facilities Regulation Section** to undertake the registration and licensing of pet shops, kennels, veterinary clinics/hospitals, stockyards, corrals, stud farms, zoos and other facilities utilized for breeding maintaining, keeping, treating, trading or training animals; establish an inspection and monitoring system to ensure effective implementation of RA 8485, accredit breeder farms, swine centers and providers, and animal technicians in accordance with Good Animal Husbandry Practices (GAHP); and recommend to the BAI Director the suspension/cancellation of the registration/license of erring animal facilities, among others; and
- **Animal Information and Advocacy Services Section** to, among others, develop and produce information, education and communication (IEC) materials for animal health and welfare programs; conduct extension support, education and trainings, consultative meetings and conferences on matters related to animal health and welfare development for RFO/LGU personnel and other stakeholders; and develop and maintain various breed registry databases and animal identification/traceability systems.

B. ANIMAL FEEDS, VETERINARY DRUGS AND BIOLOGICS CONTROL DIVISION

- **Registration, Certification and Licensing Section** to undertake the registration of animal feeds and veterinary drugs/biologics; and issue licenses, import permits, clearances and certifications to establishments related to these commodities; and
- **Inspection, Monitoring and Evaluation Section** to conduct inspection, monitoring and evaluation of animal feeds and veterinary drugs/biologic establishments; collect feeds/drug/biologic establishments; collect feeds/drug/biologic samples and check labels for quality control and monitoring purposes; issue notices of non-compliance/suspension and closure orders to erring animal feeds and veterinary drug/biologic establishments; and confiscate unregistered, smuggled, expired, tampered and/or mislabeled/unlabeled animal feeds and veterinary drugs/biologics from suppliers and distributors.

C. LIVESTOCK RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

- **Research Management Section** to formulate the livestock and poultry R&D agenda as a contribution to the national R&D agenda; facilitate the preparation of R&D proposals for funding and technical papers for presentation; provide leadership in the conduct of research on-farm and in R&D centers; establish linkages with other R&D institutions; and conduct monitoring and evaluation of on-going and completed R&D projects;

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- **Technology Packaging and Transfer Section** to identify and document mature technologies for initial commercialization; and formulate and package technology information for transfer to RFOs and LGUs; and
- **Animal Products Development Section** to promote and disseminate mature technologies that would improve the production and utilization of animal products and by-products; and provide technical assistance and services in the field of slaughtering, meat fabrication and processing, and animal by-products development and utilization.

D. NATIONAL VETERINARY QUARANTINE SERVICES DIVISION

The Division shall exercise direct control, supervision and administration of veterinary quarantine activities and services at the national and regional borders, consistent with international protocols on trade facilitation concerns and the BAI's mandated functions under Items (i) and (j), Section 26 of EO No. 338, s. 2001.


Veterinary Quarantine Stations (VQS) would be placed directly under the NVQSD to have easier coordination of veterinary services and quarantine strategies, especially in times of epidemic threats and emergencies.

Meanwhile, the NVQSD shall have two (2) sections, namely:

- **Quarantine Policy and Coordination Section** to conduct import risk analysis studies, formulate and review policies on veterinary quarantine matters, in accordance with international agreements on veterinary quarantine protocols and SPS measures, and coordinate the activities of the various veterinary quarantine stations; and
- **Accreditation and Licensing Section** to accredit importers and exporters of animals and animal products/by-products, and issue Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC) and other permits related to International trade of animals and animal products/by-products.

E. VETERINARY LABORATORY DIVISION

- **Veterinary Biologics Production and Quality Control Section** to be a holistic laboratory unit for the production of bacterial vaccine and viral vaccines/diagnostic antigens; production of unvaccinated, disease-free, and medication-free laboratory animals that are used in all laboratory facilities of BAI; and conduct of quality control tests for local and imported veterinary biologics;

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- **Animal Disease Diagnosis and Reference Section** to handle laboratory services for animal disease diagnosis, particularly on foot-and-mouth disease, rabies, avian influenza and Ebola reston virus; and serve as repository of data relative to animal disease diagnosis and research;
- **Chemical and Feed Analysis Section** to conduct physic-chemical, mineral and miscellaneous analysis of feeds, premixes and raw materials; and provide technical assistance to regional feed laboratories; and
- **Veterinary Drug Production and Assay Section** to produce conventional veterinary pharmaceutical products; conduct in-house quality control tests and product researches for veterinary drugs; detect banned and commonly abused drugs in feeds and premixes; and detect toxic substances/contaminants in veterinary drugs, feeds, premixes and feedstuff.

F. NATIONAL BEEF CATTLE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The NBCRDC would focus on beef cattle R&D, particularly on the following aspects related to the national genetic improvement program:

- Development of extensive and intensive production systems;
- Reproductive performance evaluation and progeny testing of breeding bulls;
- Breeding of Purebred Brahman and other potential exotic breeds; and
- Preservation, conservation and utilization of genetic materials.

G. NATIONAL SWINE AND POULTRY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER


The NSPRDC shall focus on native pigs and poultry R&D, specifically on conservation, evaluation, development and enhanced utilization of native genetic resources for genetic improvement, while at the same time considering the organic production systems.

H. NATIONAL SMALL RUMINANTS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The NSRRDC would focus on small ruminants (e.g., sheep and goats) R&D, especially on the conservation, evaluation and utilization of native and exotic breeds of goat and sheep for different production systems.

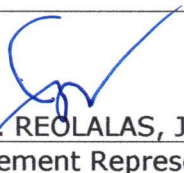

I. NATIONAL FEED RESOURCES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The NFRDC would be the R&D center for feed resources and nutrition R&D for livestock, including forage germplasm collection, conservation, evaluation, development and utilization of grazing, smallholder and integrated livestock farming systems.

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