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**SUBJECT: TECHNICAL STANDARDS ON THE PROCEDURES DURING PRE-SENTINEL AND SENTINEL PERIOD ON PREVIOUSLY INFECTED PREMISES OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER (ASF)**

The absence of ASF virus (ASFv) in previously infected farm premises can only be determined upon introduction of sentinel animals. Sentinel animals are critical as this can facilitate early detection of ASF and prevent the occurrence of outbreak before repopulation if ever the virus is still present

In order to provide guidance on how placement of sentinel animals will commence after complete depopulation in previously ASF affected premises, the following procedures are hereby prescribed as follows:

### A. Pre-Sentinel Period

1. After the last day of depopulation, thorough cleaning and disinfection (C&D) must be performed in the farm. Recommended procedure on C&D is cited in another technical standards entitled, "Technical Standards on the Recommended Procedures for Cleaning and Disinfection (C&D) for Previously ASF Affected Farms and C&D Monitoring Checklist".
2. The farm premises must be vacated for 40 days after the completion of C&D.
3. A physical inspection of the C&D will be validated by veterinary/agricultural authorities and/or barangay biosecurity officers using a checklist enclosed in another technical standards to be released by BAI
4. Upon completion of the procedures during the pre-sentinel period, the city/municipality may upgrade from RED to PINK, after submission of complete documentary requirements, as written in DA Administrative Order 30 series of 2021, to DA Regional Field Office.

### B. Sentinel Period

1. Prior to the introduction of sentinel animals to the recipient farm, all animals must be tested negative for ASF antibody and antigen within seven (7) days before the transfer of animals.

