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## MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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**SUBJECT : PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES FOR THE TRANSSHIPMENT OF LIVE BIRDS (POULTRY AND NON-POULTRY) AND ITS PRODUCTS THROUGH AVIAN INFLUENZA AFFECTED COUNTRIES**

**WHEREAS**, the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) Terrestrial Animal Health Code (TAHC) Chapter 5.5. provides for animal health measures applicable during transit from the place of departure in the exporting country to the place of arrival in the importing country;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Agriculture (DA) Memorandum dated 05 September 2006 on the Transshipment of live poultry and its products through Avian Influenza Affected Countries states that due to the difficulty of importers of breeder poultry to find direct route for air transport, *“transshipment of live poultry and its products through AI-affected countries may be allowed, subject to evaluation and imposition of additional biosecurity measures accordance with international standards by the BAI”*;


**WHEREAS**, there is an urgent need to harmonize and streamline the regulatory procedures for the transshipment of live birds during importation to the Philippines in compliance with the Ease of Doing Business Act;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the BAI will cease its issuance of the Certificate of No Objection issued for live birds importation with transshipment via AI infected/endemic areas for as long as the provisions indicated in the import terms and conditions are complied: *(a) A certification from airline that the birds shall not leave the premises of the airport of transshipment and shall not be mixed with other animals during transit must be secured and submitted to the BAI before arrival in the Philippines; and (b) should any of the diseases mentioned break out on board the aircraft while the animals are in transit, the animals shall be disposed by killing or destroying the animals on board and burning and burying their carcass in an isolated place to be designated by the Director of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI).*

This Circular shall take effect immediately upon posting at the Bureau’s website, and shall remain in effect unless revised/revoked/lifted.

For strict implementation.

Done this 4<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023.

  
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