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TO : **ALL CONCERNED LIVE ANIMAL IMPORTERS**

FROM : **OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, DIRECTOR**

SUBJECT : **GUIDELINES ON THE IMPORTATION OF LIVE ANIMALS**

Pursuant to **Department of Agriculture - Memorandum Circular No. 12, series of 2017**, which provides the general importation procedures of live animals into the Philippines the following additional guidelines are hereby issued for the guidance of all live animal importers and in order to ensure the smooth facilitation of shipment:

1. All live animal shipment shall strictly observe **ONE SHIPMENT, ONE SHIPPER, ONE APPROVED QUARANTINE SITE, ONE IMPORT PERMIT /VETERINARY QUARANTINE CLEARANCE TO IMPORT (VQC) /SANITARY PHYTO-SANITARY IMPORT CLEARANCE (SPS IC)** policy.
2. The importer shall inform the Veterinary Quarantine Officer at the port of entry about the details of the shipment which includes the species, number of heads, actual date of arrival and flight details at least five (5) calendar days before the actual date of arrival.
3. Likewise, the importer shall inform the Veterinary Quarantine Officer at the port of destination about the date of arrival at least five (5) calendar days before the actual date of arrival.
4. **LANDING PERMIT, NOTICE OF QUARANTINE and LOCAL SHIPPING PERMIT** shall be issued at the port of entry. These documents are required for shipment/transport to port of destination and subsequent quarantine site.
5. All imported animals shall undergo mandatory 30-day quarantine period.
6. A **NOTICE OF QUARANTINE RELEASE** shall be issued upon completion of the quarantine period provided the animals exhibited no clinical signs of notifiable disease supported by laboratory test results.
7. The importer shall comply with the other terms and conditions stipulated in the SPS import clearance. Non-compliance shall be ground for non-issuance of succeeding SPS IC.

For strict compliance.

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