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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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SUBJECT : ACCEPTANCE OF THE BAI-ISSUED CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION AS RAWC/RAWO AS A REQUIREMENT IN THE APPLICATION FOR ANIMAL FACILITY REGISTRATION

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) is mandated by the Republic Act (RA) 8485 otherwise known as the "Animal Welfare of 1998" as amended by RA 10631, its Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations to protect and promote the welfare of all animals in the Philippines by supervising and regulating the establishment and operations of all animal facilities and ensure that such establishments are adequate, clean and sanitary and shall not be used for nor cause pain and/or suffering to the animal;

WHEREAS, Department of Agriculture – Administrative Circular No. 4 series of 2015, issued pursuant to Republic Act (RA) 8485 otherwise known as the "Animal Welfare Act of 1998" as amended by RA 10631, provide guidelines in the registration of all animal facilities and any other form of structure for the confinement of animals where they are bred, treated, maintained or kept either for sale or trade or for training purposes, as well as, the transport in any form of public or private transportation facility and carnival/animal shows;

WHEREAS, the BAI recognizes the services rendered by the deputized Regional Animal Welfare Coordinators/ Officers (RAWCs/RAWOs) in the implementation and enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act of 1998 and further encourage good performance of the RAWCs and RAWOs;


WHEREAS, compliance with RA 11032 or the "Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018" is essential to improve existing guidelines related to the movement of animals, animal products and by-products, regulation and monitoring of animal facilities and enhancing the value of livestock while facilitating timely delivery of government services;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAUL C. LIMSON, Director, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the existing laws, do hereby order the acceptance of the BAI-issued Certificate of Recognition as RAWC/RAWO as a requirement in the application for Animal Facility Registration.

This order shall be in effect until revoked in writing. All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this order are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

This **ORDER** shall take effect effective immediately.

Done this 22nd day of February 2023.


PAUL C. LIMSON, DVM
Director