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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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SUBJECT : UPDATING THE GOOD ANIMAL HUSBANDRY PRACTICES (GAHP) APPLICATION PROCESS FOR RECEIVING INITIAL AND RENEWAL APPLICATIONS OF THE NATIONAL GAHP SECRETARIAT AND THE REGIONAL GAHP TEAM

WHEREAS, under the Republic Act 10611 or the Food Safety Act of 2013, the Department of Agriculture through the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) is assigned to be the food safety regulatory agency for food derived from animals, including eggs and honey;

WHEREAS, the Department Circular No. 7 Series of 2017 provides the Rules and Regulations on the Official Certification for Good Animal Husbandry Practices (GAHP), superseding Administrative Order No. 10 Series of 2008 as the basis for the issuance of certificate;

WHEREAS, GAHP Certification program of the Department of Agriculture aims to ensure the production of safe and quality food through the adherence of farmers to the Philippine National Standards: Code of GAHP and its species-specific counterparts, which is a set of general principles of good practice and minimum requirements in the rearing/farming of animals;

WHEREAS, the receiving and evaluation of initial applications as well as pre-assessment of farms are carried out by the Regional GAHP Team before the endorsement to the National GAHP Secretariat for final inspection;

WHEREAS, in the renewal of GAHP applications, the applicant directly sends the necessary application to the Secretariat and facilitates the conduct of the final inspection of farm, if deemed compliant;

WHEREAS, the Regional GAHP Team is an integral part of the implementation of the GAHP Certification program;

WHEREAS, there is a need to update the application process with regard to receiving, evaluating, assessment and endorsement of applications in relation to the GAHP certification of the applicant;

WHEREFORE, IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, the following guidelines are hereby prescribed:

1. All applications (initial and renewal) should go through the Regional GAHP Team to ensure the completeness and validity of the submitted requirements, so as to avoid repetition of process and ensure quality prior to endorsement to the National GAHP Secretariat;
2. The Regional GAHP Team through the Office of the Regional Executive Director, shall be responsible in identifying the receiver and evaluator of documents, the pre-assessor of applicant farms and in endorsing applications, in any arrangement they wish to fulfill.

For information and guidance.

Done this 4th day of October 2022.


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