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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

NO. 10  
Series of 2022

**SUBJECT : SUSPENSION OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE PIGEON CLUB ANIMAL DISEASE MONITORING COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE IN RELATION TO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA) – MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR (MC) NOS. 05 AND 06, SERIES OF 2022, “GUIDELINES ON MOVEMENT FROM MAINLAND LUZON TO MIMAROPA, VISAYAS AND MINDANAO OF DOMESTIC AND WILD BIRDS AND POULTRY PRODUCTS & BY-PRODUCTS DURING THE AVIAN INFLUENZA SURVEILLANCE PERIOD”**

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to the Republic Act (RA) 3639, the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) was created on January 1, 1930 to investigate, study and report the cause of dangerous communicable diseases and the means of prevention, and in general, to promote the development of the livestock industries;

**WHEREAS**, Section 3 of RA 8485, “The Animal Welfare Act of 1998”, as amended by the RA 10631, aims to protect and promote the welfare of all terrestrial, aquatic and marine animals in the country by supervising and regulating the establishment and operation of all animal facilities where they are bred, treated, maintained or kept either for sale or trade or for training purposes as well as the transport of such animals in any form of public and private transportation facility in order to provide maximum comfort while in transit and minimize, if not totally eradicate, incidence of sickness and death;


**WHEREAS**, DA Administrative Circular No. 8, Series of 2021, “Revised Guidelines on the Reporting of Notifiable Animal Diseases to the Competent Veterinary Authority amending DA Administrative Circular No. 3 Series of 2018”, declares that Avian Influenza Type A Subtypes H5 and H7 is a notifiable disease and should be reported to the Government as soon as detected;

**WHEREAS**, DA MC Nos. 05 AND 06, Series of 2022, “Guidelines on Movement from Mainland Luzon to MIMAROPA, Visayas and Mindanao of Domestic and Wild Birds and Poultry Products & By-Products during the Avian Influenza Surveillance Period”, stipulates that pigeon transport, racing, training and breeding are hereby suspended;

**WHEREAS**, That despite the above issuances, numerous reports have been received by the Bureau on pigeon transport, racing, training and breeding;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAUL C. LIMSON, DVM**, Officer-in-Charge of the Bureau of Animal Industry, do hereby order the suspension of the issuance of the Pigeon Club Certification until DA MC Nos. 05 AND 06, Series of 2022 are lifted.

Done this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.

  
**PAUL C. LIMSON, DVM**  
Officer-in-Charge, Bureau of Animal Industry

