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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

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**TO : ALL CONCERNED**

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

**SUBJECT : TEMPORARY PROHIBITION ON PIGEON RACING,  
FLYING, TRAINING AND OTHER RELATED ACTIVITIES**

In view of the recent Avian Influenza (H5N6) outbreak in the province of Nueva Ecija and in support with the government effort to immediately contain the disease in the shortest time possible and prevent the spread of the disease in other areas in the country, **all Pigeon Racing, Flying, Training and other related activities** in the country are hereby ordered suspended.

As per Avian Influenza Protection Program (AIPP) Manual of Procedures 2016, in the event of Avian Influenza outbreak, "*any activity involving the gathering of any poultry/bird species shall be prohibited*". These activities shall include but not limited to cockfighting, trade fair/show of poultry and pigeon racing activities.

All shipments relative to pigeon racing flying activities upon the issuance of this Circular shall be subject for confiscation or destruction and disposal by the veterinary quarantine officers.

This prohibition will remain in force until revoked in writing, pending report of no new cases of Avian Influenza 90 days after the stamping out activity including disinfection of all affected areas and surveillance as provided in Article 10.4.3 of OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (2019).

**For strict compliance.**

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