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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

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**SUBJECT: DEFERMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY (BAI) MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR (MC) NO. 35, SERIES OF 2022 "AMENDED GUIDELINES ON THE APPLICATION AND RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATE OF FREE STATUS ON AFRICAN SWINE FEVER (CFS-ASF) TO FACILITATE THE UNHAMPERED DELIVERY OF HEALTHY SWINE AND SAFE PORK AND RELATED COMMODITIES TO TARGET DESTINATIONS"**

To provide a transition period for the issuance of new guidelines on CFS-ASF and RAS-ASF, and give ample time for clients and Local Government Units (LGU) to comply with the requirements for testing, the recently approved BAI Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 35, Series of 2022 "Amended Guidelines on the Application and Renewal of Certificate of Free Status of African Swine Fever (CFS-ASF) and Recognition of Active Surveillance (RAS-ASF) to Facilitate Unhampered Delivery of Healthy Swine and Safe Pork and Related Commodities to Target Destinations", effective on 1 September 2022 is deferred until 5 June 2023.

**NEW APPLICANTS for CFS-ASF and RAS-ASF are required to submit recent and negative ASF laboratory results** from the Animal Disease Diagnosis or Reference Laboratory (ADDRL), Regional Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (RADDL), or BAI-accredited laboratories and other supporting documents as stipulated in the BAI MC 35, Series of 2022 for the issuance of CFS-ASF.

For the guidance of all concerned.

Done this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2023.

  
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