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TO: ALL CONCERNED

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**SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES ON THE ISSUANCE OF EXPORT PERMIT FOR
DOGS TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released an issuance regarding the "Notice of Temporary Suspension of Dogs Entering the United States from High-Risk Rabies Countries" dated 14 June 2021 due to the significant increase of rabies cases in the imported dogs. Through this notice, CDC is informing the public that, effective July 14, 2021, it is temporarily suspending the importation of dogs from:

- countries classified by CDC as high risk for dog rabies; AND
- countries that are NOT at high risk if the dogs have been in high-risk countries during the previous 6 months.

Philippines was identified as one of the high-risk countries for Rabies. In relation to this, dogs may be imported only with CDC's advance written approval (CDC Dog Import Permit). This approval may be granted on a limited case-by-case basis at CDC's discretion. Any denied application for import permit will constitute final agency action and no appeals are allowed.

In relation to this, all exporters of dogs to the USA must secure an import permit through CDC by submitting a request to CDCanimalimports@cdc.gov at least 30 business days (6 weeks) before its intended date of travel to USA. Full details on the procedures can be seen on the following website - <https://bit.ly/CDCImportPermit>.

BAI shall only issue export permit upon receipt of the approved import permit, along with other documentary requirements such as veterinary health certificate, screwworm test certification and updated vaccination records.

For strict implementation.

