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BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY
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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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TO : **ALL VETERINARY QUARANTINE OFFICERS**

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

SUBJECT : **GUIDELINES ON THE IMPORTATION OF LIVE ANIMALS**

Pursuant to **Department of Agriculture – Memorandum Circular No. 12, series of 2017**, which provides the general importation procedures of live animals into the Philippines the following additional guidelines are hereby issued for the guidance of all BAI-Veterinary Quarantine Station personnel and in order to ensure the smooth facilitation of shipment:

Pre-border Procedures

1. All live animal shipment shall strictly observe **ONE SHIPMENT, ONE SHIPPER, ONE APPROVED QUARANTINE SITE, ONE IMPORT PERMIT /VETERINARY QUARANTINE CLEARANCE TO IMPORT (VQC) / SANITARY PHYTO-SANITARY IMPORT CLEARANCE (SPS IC)** policy.
2. The importer shall inform the Veterinary Quarantine Officer of port of entry about the details of the shipment at least five (5) calendar days before the actual date of arrival. The VQO at the port of entry shall immediately notify the VQO of destination on the details of shipment.

Border Procedures

3. **LANDING PERMIT, NOTICE OF QUARANTINE and LOCAL SHIPPING PERMIT** shall be issued at the port of entry. These documents are required for shipment/transport to port of destination and subsequent quarantine site.

Post-border Procedures

4. Upon arrival of shipment, the Veterinary Quarantine Officer of port of destination shall implement the mandatory 30-day quarantine period. The VQO shall conduct monitoring and surveillance of animals.
5. All violations/observations during the quarantine period shall be properly documented and submitted to the Chief of National Veterinary Quarantine Services Division (NVQSD).
6. Upon completion of mandatory quarantine period, the VQO shall issue **NOTICE OF QUARANTINE RELEASE** provided the animals exhibited no clinical signs of notifiable disease supported by laboratory test results.
7. Animals found to be positive for any of the tests listed in the Import Terms and Conditions shall be subjected to either one of the following depending on the nature of the disease:
 - a. Quarantine period shall be extended and the animals shall be subjected to confirmatory test.
 - b. For highly contagious and economically important diseases, positive animals shall be condemned, burned and/or destroyed immediately using methods acceptable to Animal Welfare Act (AWA) guidelines, at the expense of the owner.

8. The VQO shall ensure full implementation of the terms and conditions stipulated in the SPS Import Clearance.

For strict compliance,



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