



MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

No. 28
Series of 2022

SUBJECT: GRANTING OF AUTHORITY TO PRIVATE LABORATORIES TO CONDUCT AVIAN INFLUENZA TESTING DURING OUTBREAK FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSPORT/MOVEMENT OF POULTRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS EXCEPT DUCKS

WHEREAS, Avian Influenza (AI) Type A subtypes H5N1 and H5N8 have been detected in poultry species such as quails and ducks since February 2022;

WHEREAS, DA issued Memorandum Circular Nos. 5, 6, 12, 16 and 27, Series of 2022 on February 24, 2022, March 7, 2022, April 6, 2022, May 11, 2022 and June 30, 2022, respectively, which provide guidance and movement restrictions in several poultry related commodities across different regions in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, to ensure supply chain continuity and local food sufficiency, the movement of poultry related commodities will be allowed subject to additional safety measures to prevent the further spread of AI Type A subtypes H5 and H7;

WHEREAS, to support in the influx of samples for Avian Influenza testing in government laboratories, private laboratories are given authority to conduct serological testing on Avian Influenza during outbreak for the purpose of movement of poultry related commodities only;

WHEREAS, relative to the foregoing, the following guidelines is hereby issued to provide guidance to all concerned:

A. Minimum Requirement for Private Laboratories

1. The laboratory must be able to perform Avian Influenza (AI) serological testing using **officially registered** Antibody Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA) (see Annex 1);
2. Private laboratories shall submit a letter of intent addressed to the BAI Director together with the accomplished Application Form (see Annex 5); and
3. List of Authorized Private Laboratories shall be updated regularly and posted to the BAI Website and BAI Official Facebook page. Initial list of authorized private laboratories is provided in Annex 2.

B. Receiving of Samples by Private Laboratories

1. Samples to be tested must be accompanied by a filled-up sample collection form (see Annex 3) signed by the Local Veterinary Authorities (City/Municipal/Provincial Veterinary Office (CVO, MVO, PVO) or City/Municipal Agricultural Office (CAO, MAO);
2. Sample requirement **per bird**: two (2) mL blood or 1 mL serum;
3. Sample requirement **per flock for BAI registered animal facility**: samples shall be collected from 30 randomly selected birds across the flock (30 serum);
4. Sample requirement **for non-BAI registered facility**:

Total No. of population	Sample Size
10-15 birds	100 % of total population
15-49 birds	15 birds
50-299 birds	20 birds
300 and more	30 birds

As per Manual of Standards for Diagnostic Test and Vaccines of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH, founded as OIE).

5. Screening tests for AI of private laboratories shall be conducted for the purposes of **local movement only**;
6. Laboratory Report must have the following information:
 - 6.1 Laboratory Report Number
 - 6.2 Date Information (Date Received, Date Collected, Date tested, Date Reported)
 - 6.3 Client Information (Name of Owner, Complete address including Barangay, Contact Number, e-mail address)
 - 6.4 Specimen Information (Specimen and quantity, Avian type)
 - 6.5 Brand/ELISA kit used, lot number and expiration date
7. Laboratory results of AI Positive samples accompanied by accomplished sample collection form (Annex 3) signed by the LGU shall be reported by the authorized private laboratory within 24 hours to the Bureau of Animal Industry through the Animal Health and Welfare Division (ahwd@bai.gov.ph) and Veterinary Laboratory Division (addrl@bai.gov.ph);
8. Recollection of samples shall be performed by representatives from BAI-AHWD; and
9. Database of results with information specified in B.6 must be submitted to the BAI-VLD and BAI-AHWD on a monthly basis through email.

C. Issuance of Certificate of Free Status (CFS) on AI to the Farms

1. AI NEGATIVE laboratory results accompanied by the sample collection form signed by local veterinary authorities shall be sent by the authorized private laboratory to the farm owner copy furnished the BAI-AHWD (ahwd@bai.gov.ph) and BAI-ADDRL (addrl@bai.gov.ph);
2. The Certificate of Free Status (CFS) for AI shall be issued by BAI upon receipt of the following requirements:
 - 2.1 BAI Registered Farms
 - a. Valid NEGATIVE laboratory test results for AI;
 - b. A photocopy of the Animal Disease Monitoring Compliance Certificate (ADMCC), also known as *Poultry Farm Certification* – for all poultry farms except commercial broiler farms; and
 - c. A photocopy of the Animal Facility Registration License to Operate (previously known as *Animal Welfare Certificate of Registration*) – applicable only for commercial broiler farms.
 - 2.2 Backyard Farms
 - a. NEGATIVE laboratory test results for AI; and
 - b. Photocopy of the Local Government Veterinary Certificate of Registration or Registry System for the Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA).
3. The validity of the CFS-AI shall depend on the type of commodity and Memorandum issued by the DA with reference to the movement restrictions in several poultry related commodities across different regions in the Philippines.

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D. Delegation of Authority to issue CFS-AI

1. The BAI Director or his/her duly authorized representative shall approve/issue CFS-AI as a requirement for the local transport of poultry and related commodities; and
2. The template for CFS-AI provided in Annex 4 shall be adopted for uniformity.

This memorandum shall take effect upon signing.

Done this 6th day of July 2022.


REILDRIN G. MORALES, DVM, MVPHMgt.
Officer-in-Charge, Director

ANNEX 1. List of Registered Avian Influenza ELISA Antibody Test Kits.

Test kits	Description	Species Covered	Importer	Manufacturer	Product Registration
1. IDEXX® Influenza A Virus Antibody Test Kit	A blocking ELISA that detects serum antibodies to any influenza A subtype	chicken, turkey, duck, goose	VetSpeak Inc.	IDEXX MONTPELLIER SAS	2149
2. BIOCHECK® AI ELISA CK121	Indirect ELISA for the detection of antibodies against type A Avian Influenza virus	chicken and turkey	TERRA AGUA REG'L DIST'N & INTG'D SOL'N (T.A.R.D.I.S.), INC.	BIOCHECK UK LTD	VBPR No 1007
3. ProFLOK AIV Ab	Avian Influenza Virus Type A Indirect ELISA Antibody Test Kit	chicken and turkey	Zoetis Philippines, Incorporated	Zoetis Incorporated, USA	VBPR No 2203/VR- MD0006

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ANNEX 2. LIST OF AUTHORIZED PRIVATE LABORATORIES AS OF 6 JULY 2022.

	NAME	ADDRESS	CONTACT NO.	EMAIL	CONTACT PERSON
1	GAMA Animal Health diagnostic	National Highway, Baloy, Brgy Tablon, Cagayan de Oro, Misamis Oriental	09157233926		Warlyn Llanto
2	Bioassets	2nd floor NDN Bldg., JP Laurel Highway, San Roque, Santo Tomas, Batangas	09171803862	cariaso.wreah@bioassetsph.com	Dr. Wreahlen E. Cariaso
3	Optifarm Solutions Laboratory	Unit 303 JEB Building 101, Amang Rodriguez Avenue, Rosario, Pasig City MM	09175745442, (02)76256676		Dr. Chi
4	Foster Foods Inc	Dampol 2, Pullilan, Bulacan	09175956732		Dr. Michelle De Vera
5	Robina Labs	#16 Santiago St. Gate 2 UCP Compound, Bagong Ilog, Pasig City	092228263686	mark.cuento@urc.com.ph	Dr. Mark Cuento
6	RPLAI Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory Services	Patitis Road, Brgy. Malanday, San Mateo, Rizal	8-9422714 loc 110	rizalpoultry.lucasm@gmail.com; rizalpoultry.tanayang@gmail.com	Dr. Merren Lucas; Grace Tanayan
7	San Miguel Foods Inc. - Pampanga Laboratory	SMC Complex, Brgy. Quebiawan, San Fernando City, Pampanga	091771861467	smfi.nluz.dxl@sanmiguel.com.ph	Mr. Raymundo Altares
8	San Miguel Foods Inc. - Bukidnon Laboratory	Zone 1, Impalutao, Impasug-ong, Bukidnon	09175382404	smfi.nmin.dxl@sanmiguel.com.ph	Dr. Ma Angusta Sion
9	RDF Feed, Livestock & Foods, Inc.	Brgy. Lara, City of San Fernando, Pampanga	099989888954	cherrie.salazar@reddragonfarm.com	Dr. Cherrie Anne Salazar
10	Bounty Diagnostic Laboratory	179 M Ponce, Caloocan City	09209281656		Dr. Ebelita C Rosario
11	CBM Diagnostic Laboratory Bounty Fresh Foods Inc	Bukidnon Commodities Compound KM4, Brgy Casisang, Malaybalay City, Bukidnon	09175166998		Darling Aballe Desalan
12	Animal Health Diagnostic Centre CPF Philippines Corp	JAMCC Building Lazatin Boulevard, Dolores, San Fernando City, Pampanga	093354580039		Genalynne (lab manager)
13	SGS Philippines Inc.	2nd Flr. Alegria Building, 2229 Chino Roces Avenue, Makati City, 1231	09178165741, 09178599004	alejandro.mai@sgs.com	Allan Mailom
14	The Lab City	GF Prince Gregory Condo, #105 12th Avenue, Brgy. Socorro, Cubao, QC	09178004433		Dr. Rosemarie Antegro

CERTIFICATE OF FREE STATUS
AVIAN INFLUENZA TYPE A SUBTYPES H5 AND H7

This Certification is based on the **NEGATIVE** Avian Influenza (AI) Type A subtypes H5 and H7 test results conducted by _____ with Laboratory Accession No. _____, collected on _____ and reported _____, submitted by the farm/owner as partial compliance to the requirements for the LOCAL TRANSPORT OF POULTRY AND RELATED COMMODITIES with the following details:

Name of Farm/Owner:

Farm Location

Barangay:

Municipality:

Province:

Details of species/commodities:

Animal Facility Registration/

LGU registration/RSBSA Registration No.:

Certificate Control Number:

Certificate Valid Until:

Issued this ___ day of _____ 2022.

By the Authority of the Office of the Director:

Signed:

Name of the Division Head

Division

ANNEX 5. Application for Temporary Authorization to Conduct Avian Influenza Elisa Test for Local Shipment.



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Agriculture
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY

APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT AVIAN INFLUENZA ELISA TEST FOR LOCAL SHIPMENT

APPLICATION NUMBER: TA-2022-_____	DATE RECEIVED:
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COMPANY INFORMATION

Company Name	Phone Number
Office Address	
Laboratory Name	Phone Number
Laboratory Address	
Business Organization:	<input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Others (specify)
Non-business Entities	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Research Institutions <input type="checkbox"/> State Universities and Colleges <input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> Other government instrumentalities

STATEMENT OF INTENT AND AGREEMENT:

This is to formally signify the intention of the undersigned to apply for temporary authorization of the above-named laboratory for Avian Influenza Antibody ELISA testing. Submission of the following required documents will serve as proof of the business legitimacy. The laboratory will abide with the rules and regulations specified below.

The company hereby acknowledges that the authorization is applicable to support in the influx of samples for Avian Influenza testing in government laboratories to conduct serological testing on Avian Influenza during outbreak for the purpose of movement of poultry related commodities only.

Conduct of testing and reporting of laboratory results will follow the guidelines set by the Bureau of Animal Industry as per Memorandum Circular No. ___ Series of 2022.

The temporary authorization will be valid as per declaration of the disease situation by the Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Animal Industry (DA-BAI).

By signing this, the applicant willingly subjects the above-named laboratory and its processes or systems, in compliance to the minimum laboratory requirement and biosafety practices.

The applicant hereby guarantees that its analysts shall perform the job with utmost integrity in delivering the accurate and reliable test results.

The temporary authorization shall be revoked in case of any inconsistencies and tampering of test results whether deliberately or through negligence.

Signature over Printed Name
APPLICANT/ AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

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DETAILS OF APPLICANT / AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE / CONTACT PERSON

Last name	First	Middle	Contact Number
Address			
Designation:			Email Address:

AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES FOR THE TEST RESULT (Use separate sheet if necessary)

NAME	PROFESSION	PRC ID No.	VALIDITY DATE

NAME OF TEST KIT/S TO BE USED (BRAND NAME)

BRAND NAME	LOT NO./ EXPIRY DATE (if applicable)

LEGAL DOCUMENTS

Attach copy of the following legal documents whichever is applicable.

Proof of Business Registration

- Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Registration for Corporations
- Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Registration for sole proprietorships or partnerships
- BIR Registration
- Up to date Mayor's/ Business Permit

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

The confidentiality of information about the processes or systems arising from or supplied in connection with the submission of requirements is respected in accordance with existing laws and in such a manner that legitimate commercial or proprietary interests are protected.

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