



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Agriculture  
**BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY**  
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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

No. 18  
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**TO :** ALL CONCERNED IMPORTER  
**ALL VETERINARY QUARANTINE OFFICERS**  
Veterinary Quarantine Stations

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

**SUBJECT :** ALTERNATIVE INSPECTION ARRANGEMENT

**DATE :** MAY 21, 2020

**WHEREAS**, the BAI through its National Veterinary Quarantine Services Division (NVQSD) is mandated to set up a quarantine inspection system relative to inter-regional and international movement of animals, and animal products together with their documentation and issuance of permit and commodity clearance pursuant to Section 5, Act No. 3639 and Section 26, Executive Order No. 338, Series of 2001;

**WHEREAS**, in view of the COVID-19 continuing outbreaks in the country there is a need to modify quarantine inspection procedures for operational effectiveness and efficiency taking into consideration the health and safety of inspectors and clients;

**WHEREAS**, the approval of SPS Import Clearance (SPSIC) applications of live animals requires pre-authorization of animal quarantine site as per Section 06 of DA Memorandum Circular No.12 s. 2017 which necessitates on-site inspection of facilities;

**NOW THEREFORE, THE BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY** hereby prescribe an alternative inspection arrangement in lieu of on-site inspection arrangement with the details and conditions as follows:

1. The Alternative Inspection Arrangement (AIA) is applicable to applicants with previously approved quarantine site and good compliance history;
2. AIA will be done through:
  - 2.1 Real-time video call via Zoom, or another preferred tool. The veterinary quarantine officer will provide instruction regarding the areas, equipment, etc. of the proposed animal quarantine site the inspector needs to see.
  - 2.2 Submission of video by the applicant showing the facility, equipment, etc. of the proposed animal quarantine site according to the instruction of the veterinary quarantine officer.

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3. The applicant may be asked to submit additional supporting documents through the inspector's email address;
4. The applicant shall also submit a notarized affidavit of undertaking;
5. Any proven misrepresentation or fraud on the part of the applicant with regard to this arrangement shall result to rejection of pending SPSIC application, immediate cancellation of SPSIC is already approved as per Section III.I of DA Administrative Order No.9 s.2010, and suspension of BAI importer accreditation (if applicable).
6. This arrangement may be suspended at any time without prior notice.

**This Circular shall take effect immediately until revoked in writing.**



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