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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR No. <u>Q3</u> Series of 2018

TO

ALL VETERINARY QUARANTINE OFFICERS NVQSD, BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY AHWD, BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY VLD, BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY

ALL CONCERNED

FROM:

OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT:

REQUIREMENTS FOR ISSUANCE OF SHIPPING PERMIT FOR LOCAL MOVEMENT OF GAMEFOWLS AND PIGEONS DURING THE WORLD GAMEFOWL EXPO AND

WORLD PIGEON EXPO 2018 ON 19-21 JANUARY 2018

In the interest of public service and to provide guidance with regard to the issuance of shipping permit for the local movement of gamefowls and pigeons during the World Gamefowl Expo and World Pigeon Expo 2018 on 19-21 January 2018, the following procedures shall be observed in the issuance of Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC) and Shipping Permit (SP):

- All gamefowls and pigeons brought to the Expo and/or purchased at the Expo that will be moved/transported from the Expo site to any part of Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao shall be tested for Avian Influenza through the collection of oro-pharyngeal swabs by BAI personnel stationed at the BAI booth;
- Shipper/Owner must fill up the required information: Full Name, Complete Address of Destination; Landline or Mobile Number for traceability purposes.
- Only gamefowls and pigeons with identification bands (wing bands or leg bands) shall be issued with Shipping Permit;
- Shipping Permit shall be issued only for gamefowl/pigeon transported directly from the Expo and shall be secured only from the BAI booth at the Expo;
- Upon arrival at the destination, shipper/owner must impose a 30-day quarantine for the gamefowl or pigeon. The gamefowl or pigeon that was sourced or brought from the Expo must be isolated from the rest of the bird population in the farm destination.
- The Regional Veterinary Quarantine Officer (RVQO) at the destination shall be responsible
  for monitoring the gamefowl/pigeon and shall ensure that the 30-day quarantine period is
  observed or until the negative laboratory test result for Avian Influenza is released
  (whichever comes first).

Please be guided accordingly.

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

The above circular provisions shall be valid only for shipping permits issued during the World Gamefowl Expo and World Pigeon Expo 2018.

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