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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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SUBJECT : VETERINARIANS, VETERINARY TECHNICIANS AND ANIMAL CARETAKERS/ KEEPERS TO BE ACCORDED PASSAGE AT QUARANTINE CHECKPOINTS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ECQ IN NCR PLUS ON AUGUST 6-20, 2021

This has reference to the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) Resolution No. 130-A Series of 2021 which provides that *“Beginning 06 August 2021, the risk classification of the National Capital Region shall be escalated to Enhanced Community Quarantine until 20 August 2021, observing the provisions of the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine, as amended”*, and IATF Comprehensive List of Persons Allowed to Travel within, to, and from Areas Under Enhanced Community Quarantine, also known as Authorized Persons Outside of Residence (APORs) as of August 1, 2021, to wit:

- No. 4 *“Employees/workers in industries involved in agriculture (crops, fruits, vegetables, livestock, and poultry) and such other components of the food value chain and their workers, including farmers and fisherfolks”*,
- No. 16 *“Employees/workers in Veterinary Clinics”*
- No. 33 *“Employees/workers in agencies and instrumentalities of the government required to work on-site, including government officials and employees on official travel”*

Whereas, the Department of Agriculture - Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) is mandated by Executive Order No. 292 series of 1987 or the Administrative Code of 1987 to prevent, control and eradicate animal diseases and the lead government agency on the protection and promotion of animal health and welfare pursuant to R.A. 8485 as amended by R.A. 10631.

In consideration of the foregoing, the BAI strongly recommends to the Local Government Unit veterinarians, agriculturists and Barangay officials to ensure that all animals, particularly food animals in farms, within their areas of jurisdiction shall be provided with basic needs and to prevent incidence of animal-borne diseases on top of measures and restrictions to slow down the surge in Covid-19 cases. All animal facilities shall have skeletal workforce to attend animals' daily need for food, water, sanitary condition and veterinary care.

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With due observance of the Minimum Public Health Standards and other safety protocols, subject animal care providers such as veterinarians, veterinary technicians and animal caretakers/ keepers may bear the following in addition to LGU / National Government Identification documents to be given accorded passage at quarantine checkpoints:

- For Veterinarians, Veterinary Pass issued by the BAI or Veterinarian License issued by the Professional Regulations Commission (PRC);
- For Veterinary Technicians and Animal Caretakers/Keepers, Livestock Special Pass issued by the BAI or Agriculturist License issued by the PRC;

Prior issued passes by the BAI remains valid.

For additional information and guidance, please contact the Bureau of Animal Industry **ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE DIVISION** at **(8) 528-2224 local 1505/ 1506**

Done this 6th day of August 2021.


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