



MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

NO. 51
Series of 2021

SUBJECT : WAIVING OF AVIAN INFLUENZA TESTING FOR PURPOSES OF TRANSPORT REQUIREMENT AND RENEWAL OF POULTRY LAYER FARM, POULTRY BREEDER FARM AND GAMEFOWL FARM CERTIFICATION AND DISEASE MONITORING IN BAI-REGISTERED FARMS AND BACKYARD RAISERS IN LUZON

Testing for Avian influenza (AI) is one of the measures to safeguard the poultry health in the country, ensure food security and keep the Philippines AI-free. With the recent outbreaks of AI in the neighboring countries, complicated by logistical problems brought about by the pandemic, the demand for test kits had increased leading to imbalances in the distribution of supplies internationally. This Circular is issued to give ample time for the delivery of the procured AI test kits in the Animal Disease Diagnosis and Reference Laboratory and all the Regional Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratories in Luzon.

Exemption to AI testing shall only be for the purposes of Renewal of Poultry Layer Farm, Poultry Breeder Farm and Gamefowl Farm Certification and bi-annual AI Monitoring. However, said animal facilities are still subjected to the mandatory bi-annual inspection to be conducted by the Local Government Veterinary Services. A Farm Inspection Report shall be submitted together with a Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC) for the issuance of Farm Certification, also known as the Animal Disease Monitoring Compliance Certificate. It shall be attested at the VHC that that the flock is apparently healthy and exhibiting no signs of disease including AI at the time of inspection. Said certificate may be issued by either of the following:

- 1) Farm veterinarian and concurred by a government veterinarian
- 2) BAI-registered veterinarian

In furtherance to this Circular, AI testing shall be required for the following:

1. Initial application for Poultry Farm Certification, Duck Farm Certification, Quail Farm Certification and Registration of Pigeon Association;
2. Renewal of Duck Farm Certification, Quail Farm Certification and Registration of Pigeon Association;
3. Local movement of live animals without Duck Farm Certification, Quail Farm Certification and Registration of Pigeon Association.

For backyard raisers, animals shall be inspected by the Local Government Veterinary Services prior to issuance of VHC.

Done this 28th day of December 2021.


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