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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

NO. 49
Series of 2024

SUBJECT : REITERATING THE MANDATORY REGISTRATION OF STOCKYARDS UNDER ANIMAL WELFARE ACT

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act. (RA) No. 8485,¹ as amended by RA 10631, provides that no person, association, partnership, corporation or any government agency or instrumentality shall establish, maintain, and operate any animal facilities including stockyards without first obtaining a certificate of registration from the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI);

WHEREAS, BAI Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 19, Series of 2022,² defines stockyard as "establishment, structure, premises or any other form of enclosure operating as holding, confining, maintaining as reserve or as depot of livestock intended to be sold, traded, transported or slaughtered. Stockyard includes lairage, corral, paddock, chute or any other analogous terms. Stockyards should not be confused with the livestock auction market. Stockyard may be one of the components of the entire livestock auction market compound/ facility."

WHEREAS, the BAI issues License to Operate (LTO) as Animal Facility/ Certificate of Registration upon compliance with animal welfare, food safety, health policies, and payment of application fees. The BAI handles the initial registration, while the DA Regional Field Offices (RFOs) manage the renewal process;

WHEREAS, the DILG MC No. 2016-12³ directs all Local Chief Executives (LCEs) to require LTO of Animal Facility Registration prior to issuance and/ or renewal of business permit; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIOSAMIA M. SEVILLA, MSc, Officer-in-Charge, Director of the Bureau of Animal Industry, in accordance with the authority vested in me by existing laws, hereby reiterates the mandatory registration of stockyards in compliance with the RA No. 8485, as amended by RA 10631.

¹ The Animal Welfare Act of 1998.

² Guidelines to the Harmonized Terminologies and Streamlines Regulatory Procedures for Animal Facilities, Disease Monitoring and Certification Programs of the Bureau of Animal Industry- Animal Health and Welfare Division.


³ Mandatory Registration of Animal Facilities with the DA- Bureau of Animal Industry Prior to LGUs' Issuance of Business Permit



All relevant government agencies, local government units, and stakeholders are hereby directed to cooperate and ensure the strict enforcement of these regulations. Compliance with the standards set forth herein shall contribute significantly to the promotion of animal welfare, disease prevention, and food safety.

This **CIRCULAR** shall take effect immediately.

Done this 30th day of September 2024.


DIOSAMIA M. SEVILLA, MSc.
Officer-in-Charge, Director



Annex A. List of Requirements for registration of Stockyards, as follows:

1. Filled-out Application Form;
2. I.D Picture (Passport Size/4.5cm x 3.5cm or 1.8" x 1.4") of Owner/Manager (*affixed to the application form*);
3. Business Name Registration from DTI or SEC or Cooperative Development Authority (CDA), whichever is applicable;
4. Facility Veterinarian's PRC License and PTR (*current year*);
5. Notarized Employment Contract or Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between veterinarian and owner of the facility;
6. Certificate of Attendance from attending animal welfare seminar by the BAI/DA-Regional Field Office presented by the veterinarian, owner, or manager;
7. Location Map (Google Maps) and floor plan of the facility;
8. Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) or Certificate of Non-Coverage (CNC) from DENR-EMB;
9. Mayor's Business Permit (*for renewal; application only*)

