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SUBJECT

DIGITALIZATION OF ANIMAL FACILITY REGISTRATION

WHEREAS, RA 8485 or the "Animal Welfare Act of 1998", as amended by the RA 10631, which aims to promote and protect the welfare of all animals in the country, stipulates the mandatory registration of animal facilities in Section 3. Administrative Circular No. 4 Series of 2015 provides guidelines on the process of registration of animal facilities;

WHEREAS, RA 10611 or the "Food Safety Act of 2013", was enacted to strengthen the Food Safety Regulatory System in the country and mandates BAI as one of the regulatory agencies for the enforcement of food safety standards and regulations in the primary and post harvest stages of food derived from animals including eggs and honey;

WHEREAS, there is a compelling need to improve the existing guidelines related to the movement of animals, animal products and by-products, regulation and monitoring of animal facilities and enhancing the value of livestock commodities to address the threats and challenges that beset the livestock industry while facilitating timely delivery of government services, pursuant to the Republic Act (RA) 11032 or the "Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, REILDRIN G. MORALES, Officer-in-Charge, Director of the Department of Agriculture - Bureau of Animal Industry, by virtue of the powers vested in me by RA 8485, Act 3639 and existing laws, do hereby order the start of the implementation of online animal facility registration through the official website: https://eservicesahwd.bai.gov.ph/. There will be a six-month transition period for capacity building of DA Regional Field Offices from manual application to online registration from 01 January 2022 until 30 June 2022.

Done this 23rd day of <u>December</u> 2021, at Quezon City.

REILDRIN G. MORALES, DVM, MVPHMgt.

Office f-in Charge, Director

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