



**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

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Series of 2022

**SUBJECT: UPDATED GUIDELINES ON THE MOVEMENT OF LIVE POULTRY AND NON-POULTRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS AND BY-PRODUCTS DURING THE AVIAN INFLUENZA OUTBREAK**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Agriculture (DA) issued Memorandum Circular (MC) Nos. 6, 12 and 16 series of 2022 on March 7, 2022, April 6, 2022, and May 11, 2022, respectively, which provide guidance and movement restrictions in poultry-related commodities across different regions in the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, from April 30 to June 10, 2022, new confirmed cases of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) Subtype H5N1 were reported in the provinces of Pampanga, Nueva Ecija, Tarlac, Laguna, Benguet, North Cotabato, South Cotabato, Maguindanao and Isabela;

**WHEREAS**, based on the evaluation of the outbreak cases of H5N1 over the last thirty (30) days, the majority of the affected poultry species are ducks and chicken layers;

**WHEREAS**, to ensure supply chain continuity and local food sufficiency, the movement of different poultry-related commodities will be allowed subject to additional safety measures to prevent the further spread of HPAI to the remaining disease free areas in the country;

**WHEREAS**, based on the preceding, DA MC No. 16 series of 2022 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**A. LIVE BIRDS (poultry and non-poultry)**

1. The inter-island movement of the following live birds are allowed from Mainland Luzon (Region 1, 2, 3, 4A, CAR) and *Mindanao* (Region 12, BARMM) provided the laboratory requirements are complied with:

Commodity	Particulars	Laboratory Tests
Day-old chicks (DOCs) and Hatching eggs (HEs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ <b>Day-old broilers</b> – for meat production</li><li>◦ <b>Day-old pullets</b> – for egg production</li><li>◦ <b>Day-old breeders</b> – for breeder stock production (GP/PS)</li><li>◦ <b>Day-old quails</b> – for egg/breeder stock production</li><li>◦ <b>Hatching eggs</b>– for meat/egg/breeder stock production</li></ul>	<p>Negative AI test results from its source farm.</p> <p>Validity of test results is <b>twenty-eight (28) days</b> from the date of sample collection.</p>



<b>Ready to Lay (RTL) Pullets (Chicken and Quails)</b>		Negative AI test results from its source farm.  Validity of test results is <b>fourteen (14) days</b> from the date of sample collection.
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2. Movement restrictions will also be implemented for species such as ducks, pigeons, and gamefowls. The following table provides further guidance regarding the movement of different poultry related commodities:

Commodity	Movement	Allowed/ Not allowed	Requirements	Validity of testing
<b>Gamefowls</b>	<b>FROM</b> Regions in Mainland Luzon with no H5/H7 detection <b>TO</b> MIMAROPA, Visayas and non-affected cities/municipalities in Mindanao	Allowed	- Veterinary Health Certificate - Negative AI Test Result	For BAI certified farms: test is valid for three (3) months  If farms are not yet BAI certified, all gamefowls in each shipment must be tested negative for AI. <b>Test is valid for one shipment only.</b>
	<b>FROM</b> MIMAROPA, Visayas and non-affected cities/municipalities in Mindanao <b>TO</b> any destination within the Philippines	Allowed *Transport/movement of gamefowls <b>BACK</b> to MIMAROPA, Visayas, and non-affected areas in Mindanao is allowed provided there is a new negative AI test result	- Veterinary Health Certificate - Negative AI Test Result	For BAI certified farms: test is valid for six (6) months  If farms are not yet BAI certified, all gamefowls in each shipment must be tested negative for AI. <b>Test is valid for one shipment only.</b>
<b>Pigeons</b>	<b>FROM</b> Regions in Mainland Luzon with no H5/H7 detection <b>TO</b> MIMAROPA, Visayas and non-affected	Allowed to a maximum TEN (10) heads per shipment and for breeding/transfer purposes only. <b>PIGEON RACING</b>	- Veterinary Health Certificate - Negative AI Test Result - ND vaccination	All pigeons for shipment must be tested negative for AI. <b>Test is valid for one shipment only.</b>

	cities/municipalities in Mindanao	<b>REMAINS PROHIBITED.</b>	record	
	<b>FROM</b> MIMAROPA, Visayas and non-affected cities/municipalities in Mindanao <b>TO</b> any destination within the Philippines	Allowed to a maximum TEN (10) heads per shipment and for breeding/transfer purposes only. <b>PIGEON RACING REMAINS PROHIBITED.</b>  *Transport/movement of pigeons BACK to MIMAROPA, Visayas, and non-affected areas in Mindanao is allowed provided there is a new negative AI test result	- Veterinary Health Certificate - Negative AI Test Result - ND vaccination record	All pigeons for shipment must be tested negative for AI. <b>Test is valid for one shipment only.</b>
	<b>WITHIN</b> Mainland Luzon and Mindanao ( <i>also refer to Item 3</i> )	Not allowed	Not applicable	Not applicable
<b>Ducks</b>	<b>WITHIN</b> MIMAROPA and VISAYAS  and <b>FROM</b> MIMAROPA and Visayas <b>TO</b> Mainland Luzon and Mindanao	Allowed	- Veterinary Health Certificate - Two (2) Negative AI Test Results	Two consecutive <b>NEGATIVE AI TEST RESULTS</b> taken at least two (2) weeks apart from the same flock. Validity of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> test result shall only be for 2 weeks

3. Inter-regional movement of stranded grazing ducks due to the Avian Influenza outbreaks is allowed to move within Mindanao provided the following provisions will be complied with:
- Each proposed shipment of grazing ducks must be mutually agreed by both Local Government Units (LGU) and accompanied by a Certificate of Acceptance (CA) from the LGU of destination.
  - The CA must be enclosed in the application for BAI Local Shipping Permit
  - Prior to the issuance of CA, inspection of the grazing area at the destination must be conducted by the concerned LGU. The area must be isolated with no other poultry being raised within 500 meters.
  - The LGU of destination must be an AI free municipality/city.
  - Ducks must have been tested negative twice (two weeks apart) for AI.
    - First blood sample collection shall be carried out at the source farm two weeks prior to shipment at the latest.

- ii. Second blood sample collection shall be conducted in the destination farm within 7 days upon arrival (i.e. two weeks from the first date of collection.)
  - f. The farmer must be duly registered in the Registry System of Basic Sectors for Agriculture (RSBSA)
  - g. The inter-regional movement of ducks shall be underguarded by BAI Regional Veterinary Quarantine Officer/s to ensure that the ducks are bound to the declared destination site.
4. Intra-island movement and inter-island movement of DOCs, HEs and RTLs are allowed provided that updated negative AI test results and other regulatory requirements as per DA Administrative Order No.5 series of 2019 are complied by the shipper.

The table below provides further guidance to this item.

Commodity	Movement	Allowed/ Not allowed	Laboratory Requirements	Validity of testing
DOC, HE, RTL (Chickens)	<b>Intra-island Movement:</b>  <b>WITHIN</b> Mainland Luzon and Mindanao (sourced from AI free cities/municipalities); MIMAROPA and VISAYAS	Allowed	Negative AI Test Results	Six (6) months from the date of sample collection
	<b>Intra-island Movement</b>  <b>WITHIN</b> Mainland Luzon and Mindanao (sourced from cities/municipalities with H5/H7 laboratory detection but outside 1km quarantine area)	Allowed	Negative AI test results	<b>DOC/HE:</b> 28 days from the date of sample collection  <b>RTL:</b> 14 days from the date of sample collection
	<b>Inter-island Movement:</b> <b>FROM</b> MIMAROPA, Visayas, and Mindanao (sourced from cities/municipalities with no H5/H7 laboratory detection) to any destination in the Philippines (Mainland Luzon, MIMAROPA, Visayas and Mindanao)	Allowed	Negative AI Test Results	Six (6) months from the date of sample collection
DOC, HE, RTL (Quails)	<b>Intra-island Movement:</b>  <b>WITHIN</b> Mainland Luzon and Mindanao (sourced from provinces with no H5/H7 laboratory detection)	Allowed	Negative AI test results	Six (6) months from the date of sample collection
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	<b>Intra-island Movement</b>  <b>WITHIN</b> Mainland Luzon and Mindanao (sourced from cities/municipalities with H5/H7 laboratory detection but outside 1km quarantine area)	Allowed	Negative AI test results	days from the date of sample collection  <b>RTL:</b> 14 days from the date of sample collection
	<b>Inter-island Movement:</b>  <b>FROM</b> MIMAROPA, Visayas, and Mindanao (sourced from cities/municipalities with no H5/H7 laboratory detection) to any destination in the Philippines (Mainland Luzon, MIMAROPA, Visayas and Mindanao)	Allowed	Negative AI Test Results	Six (6) months from the date of sample collection

5. Transport/movement of pet birds (parakeet, cockatoo, lovebirds etc.) across the country is allowed, provided the source aviary has BAI Animal Disease Monitoring Compliance Certificate (ADMC) and a negative AI laboratory test results every 90 days shall be complied.
6. The shipment of pigeons with a maximum of TEN (10) heads per shipment from Regions in Mainland Luzon, MIMAROPA, Visayas, and non-affected cities/municipalities in Mindanao with no H5/H7 detection, bound to any destination in the country for breeding/ transfer purposes only is allowed. However, pigeon racing activities remains suspended.
7. Cockfighting shall now be allowed in all regions with no H5/H7 detection.
8. Operation of live bird markets in all affected provinces in Mainland Luzon and Mindanao will be continuously suspended.

Exceptions:

1. Transshipment of **imported day-old chicks and hatching eggs** from international airports and seaports in Luzon and Mindanao to Region IV-B (MIMAROPA), Visayas and Mindanao is allowed;
2. Transshipment of **imported gamefowls** from international airports and seaports in Luzon to Region IV-B (MIMAROPA), Visayas and Mindanao is allowed;

**A. EGGS (table eggs, salted eggs, quail eggs, embryonated eggs/balut)**

1. Transport/Movement of table eggs, salted eggs, quail eggs and embryonated eggs (*balut*) from Mainland Luzon and affected cities/municipalities in Mindanao to MIMAROPA, Visayas and non-affected areas in Mindanao is allowed provided the following risk mitigation measures are applied:



- a. For embryonated eggs, there must be monthly negative AI test result of source farm.
  - b. Embryonated eggs (*balut*) must be cleaned by the shipper/trader at the source farm **prior to departure** with acetic acid/vinegar at 1:10 dilution or any food grade disinfectant;
  - c. Prior to loading for shipment by air or sea, the closed van/vehicle containing the embryonated eggs (*balut*) must undergo **ultraviolet light disinfection** at the port of departure. The assigned Veterinary Quarantine Officer will issue certification that the vehicle has undergone ultraviolet light disinfection.
  - d. Embryonated eggs must be **immediately cooked at destination**. The Provincial Veterinary Office and BAI Regional Veterinary Quarantine Office will monitor compliance of the shipper/trader.
  - e. The table eggs, salted eggs, quail eggs and embryonated eggs must be transported in new or appropriately sanitized containers or egg trays.
2. To further strengthen the steps taken to ensure freedom of table eggs, quail eggs and embryonated eggs (*balut*) from any disease, and complement safety measures in place, destinations of their shipments in MIMAROPA, Visayas and non-affected areas in Mindanao may add reasonable protocol such as physical audit of source farms, walk-through process on other food safety measures in place, inspection of arriving shipments and possible further disinfection of the shipment with food grade disinfectant.

## **B. LIVE POULTRY FOR SLAUGHTER/POULTRY MEAT**

The transport of live poultry and spent hens for slaughter purposes is allowed provided necessary documentary requirements as per DA Administrative Order (AO) No. 5 series of 2019 are complied. If the poultry for slaughter is located in farms within a 1km quarantine area from the affected premises, birds must be tested negative for AI five (5) days prior to harvest.

The transport of poultry meat from mainland Luzon and affected cities/municipalities in Mindanao to MIMAROPA, Visayas and non-affected areas in Mindanao is allowed provided that the shipment is accompanied by **Meat Inspection Certificate (MIC) for domestic meat products** or **Certificate of Meat Inspection (COMI) for imported meat products** issued by the NMIS along with a Shipping Permit issued by BAI.

As per RA 9296 as amended by RA 10536, "No person, firm, or corporation shall slaughter any food animal or prepare meat or meat product in any meat establishment, except in compliance with the requirements of the law", thus, poultry slaughtering activities in live bird markets, and wet markets shall strictly be prohibited. Penalties and sanctions shall apply.

## **C. POULTRY MANURE/DUNG**

Transport of poultry manure is allowed provided there are attestations from Local Government Units veterinary offices that the manure is sourced from AI/ND free areas. Other requirements in the movement of poultry manure such as:

1. License to Operate as Animal Facility (previously known as Animal Welfare Certificate of Registration) of broiler farms OR Animal Disease Monitoring

- Compliance Certificate (previously known as Poultry Farm Certification) of source farm;
2. Veterinary Health Certificate with attestations that the source farm is free from AI and Newcastle Disease signed by farm veterinarian with concurrence from the LGU.
  3. Other documentary requirements as written in DA AO 5 series of 2019.

Similar transport/movement restrictions will be applied progressively for areas with positive detections of Avian Influenza.

All other provisions inconsistent with this Circular are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

**This Circular shall remain enforced unless revoked in writing.**

Done this 30th day of June 2022.



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