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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

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**SUBJECT : USE OF MICROCHIP FOR IDENTIFICATION OF LOCAL AND/ OR IMPORTED HORSES**


Whereas, RA 8485 other known as the “Animal Welfare Act of 1998” as amended by RA 10631, its Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations was enacted to protect and promote the welfare of all animals in the Philippines.

Whereas, Section 3 (3.5) of the Department of Agriculture – Administrative Order No. 15 series of 2001 (DA-AO No. 15 s 2001) states that “Branding shall be done with efforts to reduce the pain. Branding on the face is strictly prohibited. The use of microchips is highly recommended.”

In view of the above, the Bureau of Animal Industry shall be adopting the use of animal microchip as a valid and advised means of identification in horses. Branding, however, when needed, must only be done with ‘efforts to reduce pain’; with the use of anaesthesia, and under the direct supervision of a government veterinarian.

For strict compliance.

Done this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

  
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