



**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

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**SUBJECT : GUIDANCE ON THE SHIPMENT OF LIVE PIGS FROM THE ASF INFECTED ZONES (RED ZONE) OF THE PROVINCE OF MARINDUQUE TO THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION (NCR)**

In line with Department of Agriculture (DA) Administrative Circular (AC) No. 12 s. 2019 – National Zoning and Movement Plan on the Prevention and Control for African Swine Fever (ASF) and DA Administrative Order (AO) No. 5 series of 2019 – Guidelines on the Local Transport/Shipment of Animals, Animal Products and By-Products which provides guidance on the movement of swine related commodities across different areas in the country, this Circular hereby provides guidance on the movement of live pigs from Marinduque, which was recently categorized as Red (Infected) Zone to National Capital Region (NCR).

Movement of live pigs outside the province is only authorized if the farm is located in the Quarantine Zone (outside the 500-m radius of the infected premises). As such, the following are hereby prescribed in each shipment of live pigs to NCR.

**A. Documentary Requirements on Acquiring BAI Local Shipping Permit (LSP)**

1. DA/BAI Livestock Handler's License
2. DA/BAI Livestock Transport Carrier
3. Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC)
  - a. Commercial Farms – VHC issued by Private Veterinarian with concurrence from Local Government Unit (LGU) Veterinarian
  - b. Backyard Farms – VHC issued by LGU Veterinarian
4. Negative test results and Certificate of Free Status for ASF (CFS-ASF) issued by DA Regional Field Office. *Annex A* provides the suggested blood sampling protocol for movement purposes.

**B. Other related matters**

1. Each VHC must contain the complete source details of the animals. *Annex B* shows the VHC template for each shipment. Each animal must be identified and traceable from its source

## **Annex A. Sampling Protocol for the Movement of Live Animals**

### **Stockyard Sampling Collection**

1. Since most pigs in the province are pooled through a stockyard, it is highly recommended that there should be a window time where the stockyard will accept swine from different municipalities. The trader must fully indicate the source of the animals before it can be allowed to enter the stockyard.
2. After the window time, blood sampling will be performed based on an epidemiologically feasible sample size.
3. After all the blood samples in the sampling frame tested **NEGATIVE** for ASF, the animals in the stockyard are allowed to be shipped out within 1-2 days. All-in, All-out policy will be practices for each batch of animals. The Certificate of Free Status for ASF will be acquired from the DA Regional Field Office with the laboratory test results conducted for the current batch of animals.
4. In the event that there will be one (1) or more blood samples which tested **POSITIVE** for ASF, all the pigs in the stockyard will not be allowed to move and is subject for depopulation. The source farm of the pig which tested must also be investigated to assess if there are ongoing ASF situation in the farm. Remaining pigs in the farm must also be depopulated. Surveillance within the 500-m radius must be conducted.


### **Commercial/Semi-Commercial Sampling Collection**

1. Blood samples will be collected across different age groups in the farm based on an epidemiologically feasible sample size.
2. After the blood samples tested negative for ASF, the farmer must request Certificate of Free Status for ASF from DA Regional Field Office which will be used in the application of Local Shipping Permit from BAI.

2. All shipments of swine shall be transported directly from the origin (farm or stockyard) to the accredited slaughterhouse in NCR only. Unloading of swine before reaching the destination is strictly prohibited.
3. Each animal will be counted and individually marked by the Provincial Veterinary Office before leaving the municipality of Marinduque to NCR. Container vans will also be sealed and must be broken only upon arrival in NCR.
4. If the animals were sourced from commercial and semi-commercial farms, the CSF-ASF will be valid for 21 days. Meanwhile, if the animals were sourced from a stockyard, the CSF-ASF will be valid for each batch of shipment only.
5. All vehicles must undergo thorough disinfection at Dalahican Port and all the animal quarantine checkpoints from Marinduque to the destination. The disinfection slip must be accomplished by each AQC (*Annex C*).
6. All animals must be slaughtered within 24 hours upon arrival at the slaughterhouse.

For information and guidance.

Done this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021.

  
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## Annex B. Proposed Veterinary Health Certificate

Date of Issuance:

Valid until (three days after the date of issuance):

### VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE

Reference No:

#### A. Shipper's Profile:

Name of Owner/Shipper:

Address of Shipper:

Contact Details of Shipper:

Vehicle Plate No:

#### B. Farm Profile/Commodity to be Shipped

Name of Farm:

Place of Farm Origin (Sitio/Barangay/Municipality/Province)

Commodity:

Quantity (hds):

Destination (Name of Slaughterhouse):

ASF Negative Laboratory Accession No:

If multiple sources per batch of shipment, use the following table:

Pig No.	Source Farm (Sitio/Barangay/Municipality/Province)

I hereby attest that the following animals have been inspected and are free from any infectious diseases, including African Swine Fever.

Issued by:

Name of Private Veterinarian

License No.

Conforme:

Name of LGU Veterinarian

License No:



**Annex C. Proposed Disinfection Card**

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**DISINFECTION CARD**

Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Driver: \_\_\_\_\_

Plate # : \_\_\_\_\_

Livestock Carrier Reg. # \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Checkpoint Inspected/Disinfected</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Personnel</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Stamp</b>

