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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

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**SUBJECT : EXTENSION ON THE WAIVING OF AVIAN INFLUENZA TESTING FOR PURPOSES OF RENEWAL OF POULTRY FARM CERTIFICATION AND DISEASE MONITORING IN BAI-REGISTERED POULTRY FARMS IN VISAYAS AND MINDANAO**

Testing for Avian Influenza (AI) is one of the measures to safeguard the poultry health in the country, ensure food security and keep the Philippines AI-free. Relative to the Memorandum on "Waiving of Avian Influenza Testing for Purposes of Farm Certification" dated 27 November 2020 and extended up to 31 December 2021, this Circular is issued to give ample time for the procurement of the AI test kits, especially in the Regional Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratories in Visayas and Mindanao.

Exemption to AI testing shall only be for the purposes of **Renewal of Farm Certification and Bi-annual AI Monitoring of commercial layer and poultry breeder farms**. However, in lieu of this requirement, a **Veterinary Health Certificate** shall be submitted attesting that the flock is apparently healthy and exhibiting no signs of disease including AI at the time of inspection. Said certificate may be issued by either of the following:

- 1) Farm veterinarian and concurred by a government veterinarian
- 2) BAI-registered veterinarian

In furtherance to this Circular, AI testing shall be required for the following:

1. Initial application for Poultry Farm Certification, Duck Farm Certification and Registration of Pigeon Association;
2. Renewal of Duck Farm Certification and Registration of Pigeon Association
3. Local movement of live animals without Poultry Farm Certification, Duck Farm, Certification and Registration of Pigeon Association.

This Circular is valid only from 01 January 2022 until 30 June 2022.

Done this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021.

  
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