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## MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

NO. 35

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**SUBJECT : REITERATION FOR THE SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION ON ANIMAL AND VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH (ANNEX A) AND LETTER OF INTENT RELATIVE TO MARKET ACCESS APPLICATIONS FOR LIVE ANIMALS**

**WHEREAS**, the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Article 5.1.1., indicated that the animal health situation in the exporting country, in the transit country or countries and in the importing country should be considered before determining the requirements for trade;

**WHEREAS**, correspondingly mentioned in the abovementioned Animal Health Code, Article 5.1.3., that the exporting country should provide information on the animal health situation and national animal health information systems to determine whether the country is free or has zones or compartments free from listed diseases, including the regulations and procedures in force to maintain its free status;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Agriculture (DA) Memorandum Circular No. 12, Series of 2017, *Importation for Live Animals into the Philippines*, Section 4.1., states that interested applicants (country/individual importer) may apply for a country or foreign animal establishment accreditation by submitting a letter of intent to import live animals as part of pre-border application procedures;

**WHEREAS**, as stipulated in the same Memorandum Circular cited above, an accreditation questionnaire (Annex A) will be forwarded to the exporting country without animal health status concerns, for completion and that the applicant country shall return the accomplished questionnaire with applicable documents to substantiate statements therein;

**WHEREAS**, the DA Administrative Circular (AC) No. 06, Series of 2022, *Revised Rules and Regulations Governing the Importation of Agricultural and Fish and Fishery/Aquatic Products; Animal feeds, Feed Ingredients and Feed Additives; and, Fertilizers, Pesticides and Other Agricultural Chemical products into the Philippines*, Section 4.B.1., specified that the exporting country is registered/accredited by the concerned DA bureau or agency and is in good standing;



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**WHEREAS**, the application procedure for Sanitary/Phytosanitary-Import Clearance (SPS-IC), as also mentioned in DA-AC No. 06, Series of 2022, shall consider the latest advisory of the relevant international bodies and/or the exporting government on the absence of relevant disease/pest outbreaks, contamination and other SPS-related risks;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, to provide clarity to applicant countries for live animal market access to the Philippines, you are hereby required to submit the letter of intent and Annex A by accessing this online portal [bit.ly/LiveAccredSub](https://bit.ly/LiveAccredSub).

The applicant countries shall be notified within three (3) working days upon receipt of the submitted documents and evaluation of which shall be conducted within thirty (30) working days.

All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

This **CIRCULAR** shall take effect immediately upon signing.

Done this 03<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2023.

  
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