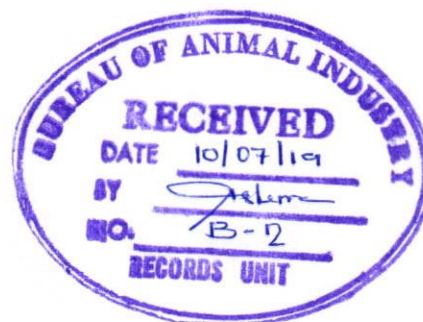




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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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TO : NMIS OIC, ACTING AND REGIONAL TECHNICAL DIRECTORS
NMIS MEAT INSPECTOR OFFICERS
PROVINCIAL, CITY AND MUNICIPAL VETERINARY OFFICERS
PROVINCIAL, CITY AND MUNICIPAL AGRICULTURE OFFICERS

SUBJECT : SUPPLEMENTAL PROCEDURES IN THE SLAUGHTER OF SWINE
AND MOVEMENT OF ITS MEAT AND BY-PRODUCTS DURING ANIMAL
DISEASE OUTBREAKS/EMERGENCIES

Pursuant to Department of Agriculture Administrative Order (DA AO) No. 71 & 8² series of 2019 and DA Memorandum Circular (DA MC) No. 10 s2019³, this Circular is being issued to supplement existing procedures and measures to manage, contain and control swine disease/s in meat establishments at the Quarantine, Surveillance and Control Zone (1-7-10 Protocol):

A. Within Quarantine Zone

Slaughterhouse

1. Upon identification and declaration of the Department of Agriculture (DA) as Quarantine Zone, all slaughterhouses within 1 km radius from the index case shall automatically stop its operation and no movement of animals, meat and meat by-products shall be observed. This should be done under the supervision of NMIS or Local Government Unit (LGU) as applicable.
2. Mandatory test and destruction of all animals through humane/acceptable methods and disposal procedures as prescribed in NMIS Memorandum Order No. 08-2019-463⁴ shall be implemented.
3. Cleaning and disinfection of all equipment, vehicles and facilities shall be implemented, as prescribed in NMIS Memorandum Order No. 08-2019-463⁴.
4. During the quarantine period, the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), in coordination with the NMIS and LGU, will provide guidance on procedures for monitoring, placing of sentinel animal and laboratory testing to determine freedom from disease.
5. The lifting of the stop operation order shall be based on the recommendation from BAI. For licensed slaughterhouses, the NMIS shall endorse the recommendation and supervise the resumption of operation while for locally registered slaughterhouses, the BAI will provide the recommendation to the LGU.

Cold Storage Warehouse, Meat Cutting Plants and Meat Depots

1. Upon identification and declaration of the DA as Quarantine Zone, all meat establishments within 1 km radius from the index case shall automatically stop its operation and no movement of meat and meat by-products under the supervision of NMIS or Local Government Unit (LGU) as applicable.
2. The lifting of the stop operation order shall be based on the recommendation of the BAI and the NMIS shall endorse the recommendation and supervise the resumption of operation.



B. Within Surveillance Zone

Slaughterhouse

1. Upon the declaration of the DA as Surveillance Zone, all slaughterhouses within the 7 km radius shall slaughter and distribute the meat and its by-product within only the Surveillance Zone.
2. Once the barangay is declared cleared by the DA and tested negative for the concerned swine disease, animals may be moved for slaughter or to other areas outside the Surveillance Zone.
3. Upon arrival, all animals brought in for slaughter shall be accompanied with the following requirements as prescribed in Section 1.2 of DA AO No. 8 s2019² and NMIS MO No. 08-2019-463⁴.
 - a. Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC) issued by a duly licensed veterinarian (with complete name and signature). If the signatory is a farm veterinarian, the VHC should be concurred by a government veterinarian.
 - b. BAI Shipping Permit (valid within 7 days after its issuance)
 - c. BAI Livestock Handler's License
 - d. BAI Livestock Transport Carrier
 - e. For large animals, Certificate of Ownership and or Certificate of Transfer of Ownership is required as an additional requirement.
4. Strictly implement "No Veterinary Health Certificate, No Slaughter Policy".
5. Control of Slaughterhouse Operation, Conduct of Meat Inspection and Issuance of Meat Inspection Certificate shall strictly follow prescribed procedures in NMIS MO No. 08-2019-463⁴.
6. Movement of newly slaughtered, frozen, chilled and fresh raw meat shall follow prescribed procedures in Section 1.3.1 of DA AO No. 8 s2019².
7. All shipments with incomplete requirements and its disposition will be addressed as prescribed in Section 2.2 and 3 of DA AO No. 8 s2019².

Cold Storage Warehouse, Meat Cutting Plants and Meat Depots

1. Upon identification and declaration of the DA as Surveillance Zone, all meat establishments within 7 km radius from the index case shall accept meat and by-products provided it followed prescribed procedures in Section 1.3 of DA AO No. 8 s2019². This shall be under the supervision of NMIS.
2. Movement of newly slaughtered, frozen, chilled and fresh raw meat shall follow prescribed procedures in Section 1.3.1 of DA AO No. 8 s2019².
3. Movement of imported meat and meat products shall follow prescribed procedures in Section 1.3.2 of DA AO No. 8 s2019².
4. All shipments with incomplete requirements and its disposition will be addressed as prescribed in Section 2.2 and 3 of DA AO No. 8 s2019².

C. Within Control Zone

Slaughterhouse

1. Upon the declaration of the DA as Control Zone, all slaughterhouses within the 10 km radius shall slaughter and may distribute the meat and its by-product in and out of the Control Zone provided that it has satisfied all the requirements in Section 1.3 of DA AO No. 8 s2019².
2. Strictly implement "No Veterinary Health Certificate, No Slaughter Policy".
3. Control of Slaughterhouse Operation, Conduct of Meat Inspection and Issuance of Meat Inspection Certificate shall strictly follow prescribed procedures in NMIS MO No. 08-2019-463⁴.
4. Movement of newly slaughtered, frozen, chilled and fresh raw meat shall follow prescribed procedures in Section 1.3.1 of DA AO No. 8 s2019².
5. All shipments with incomplete requirements and its disposition will be addressed as prescribed in Section 2.2 and 3 of DA AO No. 8 s2019².