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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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SUBJECT : LAUNCHING OF ONLINE PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY (BAI) PROPOSED REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture (DA) is committed to enhance the delivery of public services consistent with the provisions of Republic Act (RA) 11032 also known as the "Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018;"

WHEREAS, in view of the continuing COVID-19 cases in the country, the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) is adopting practices that minimize COVID-19 transmission risk in the workplace to facilitate the continuous performance of critical regulatory functions while protecting health and safety of both employees and clients;

WHEREAS, the BAI has proposed for the conduct of public consultation through online platforms as alternative method for physical group consultations, maximizing the use of the available technology;

WHEREAS, the online public consultation aims to give opportunity for the various publics to contribute to the proposed specific veterinary and quarantine regulations to ensure that these are widely disseminated and generally accepted prior to the endorsement for approval;

NOW THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. DAR, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture by the authority vested in me by law, in consideration of the foregoing do hereby approve the launching of online public consultation as a preliminary step on the endorsement for approval of the proposed regulations by the Bureau of Animal Industry, subject to the following guidelines:

Section I. Objectives


1. To seek views on the proposed veterinary and quarantine regulations
2. To achieve right balance between safeguarding the Philippines' right and ability to regulate in the public interest while protecting the clients.

Section 2. Organization of the Consultation

1. The online public consultation will be open for the minimum of Three (3) Months.
2. The proposed documents will be published in both DA and BAI websites.
3. A link to the documents in Google Form will be published. This is where the various publics can input their comments.
4. A final open question will also be included for the respondents to present their general views and comments.
5. The BAI will collate all the responses following RA 10173 or the "Data Privacy Act of 2012," in the processing of personal information.
6. The result of the online public consultation will be published and will be presented for further discussions with the other relevant agencies/office and stakeholders.

This Circular shall take effect immediately until revoked in writing.

Done this 9th day of June, 2020.


WILLIAM D. DAR, PhD
Secretary

