

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

No. Ob Series of 2022

SUBJECT:

GUIDELINES ON MOVEMENT OF DOMESTIC AND CAPTURED WILD (ORNAMENTAL) BIRDS AND POULTRY PRODUCTS & BY-PRODUCTS DURING

THE AVIAN INFLUENZA OUTBREAK

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture (DA) through the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) has confirmed the first detection of Avian Influenza Type A Subtype H5N1 in duck farms in the Municipalities of Baliuag in Bulacan and Candaba in Pampanga; and in quail farms in the Municipalities of Candaba and Mexico in Pampanga;

WHEREAS, an Immediate notification on the first case of Avian Influenza Type A Subtype H5N1 was submitted to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) on 18 February 2022 and was published to the OIE World Animal Health Information System (WAHIS) on 21 February 2022;

WHEREAS, in the subsequent conduct of surveillance activities within the 1-km quarantine area and disease investigation as part of trace back/trace forward monitoring, additional cases of Avian Influenza Type A Subtype H5N1 were confirmed in Minalin, Pampanga; Victoria, Laguna; and in Bula and Sipocot, Camarines Sur;

WHEREAS, to date, the reported affected species were mainly ducks, quails and some native chickens present in the affected duck/quail farm(s);

WHEREAS, additional measures in the disinfection of poultry products such as salted egg and *balut* shall be required to ensure protection of these products from potential pathogen;

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture (DA) Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 5 Series of 2022 "Guidelines on the Local Movement of Domestic and Wild birds and Poultry products and byproducts during the Avian Influenza Surveillance Period" was issued on 24 February 2022 to provide guidance in the local movement of Domestic and Wild birds and Poultry products and byproducts from within and outside the 1-km quarantine area;

To further protect the Avian Influenza free areas in the country and ensure that potential spread through trade of susceptible population is mitigated, the following movement guidelines are hereby prescribed:

A. LIVE BIRDS (poultry and non-poultry)

 Movement of all species of LIVE BIRDS (poultry and non-poultry) including day-old chicks, day-old pullets, hatching eggs, ready to lay pullets, ducks and quails from Mainland Luzon (Regions 1, 2, 3, 4A, 5 and Cordillera Administrative Region), to Region IV-B (MIMAROPA), Visayas and Mindanao is temporarily suspended for thirty (30) days;

