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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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SUBJECT : CONDUCT OF PILOT SURVEILLANCE ON SALMONELLA IN LAYER FARMS IN CALABARZON AND CENTRAL LUZON ON JUNE - DECEMBER 2023

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Republic Act (RA) 3639, the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) was created on January 1, 1930 to investigate, study and report the cause of dangerous communicable diseases and the means of prevention, and in general, to promote the development of the livestock industries;

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) is mandated by the Republic Act (RA) 8485 otherwise known as the "Animal Welfare of 1998" as amended by RA 10631, its Revised Implementing Rules and Regulation to protect and promote the welfare of all animals in the country. Administrative Circular No. 12 Series of 2003 provides the practice and minimum standards for the welfare of chickens;

WHEREAS, Republic Act 10611, also known as the Food Safety Act of 2013, was created to protect and promote the right to health of the people by maintaining a farm to fork food safety regulatory system that ensures a high level of food safety, among others. Pursuant to this, the Department of Agriculture through the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) is assigned to be the food safety regulatory agency for food derived from animals, including eggs and honey;

WHEREAS, as defined by Executive Order No. 292 s. 1987, the Bureau of Animal Industry is tasked to formulate programs for the prevention, control and eradication of animal diseases and for the development and expansion of the livestock and poultry industries to meet the growing requirement of the growing populace;

Now, therefore, the Bureau of Animal Industry shall conduct a "**Pilot Surveillance on Salmonella in Layer Farms in CALABARZON and Central Luzon on June - December 2023**" as part of Phase 2 of the Poultry Salmonella Control Program.





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ARTICLE I

SURVEILLANCE PLAN

Personnel from the Animal Health and Welfare Division (AHWD) and/or Veterinary Quarantine Station (VQS) 3 and 4A will assist farms in answering the survey questionnaire and will just receive the samples (eggs, dust and feces). They will not enter the premises of the farms in consideration to biosecurity measures against avian influenza. Sample collection will be done every Wednesday. This will be done twice within the period of surveillance.

A. 1st Sample Collection

MONTH	Week	Wednesday	# Farms / Location
JUNE	Week 1	7	3 / Galay-amor and Banay-banay, San Jose, Batangas
	Week 2	14	2 / Nagcarlan Laguna and Baras Rizal
	Week 3	21	2 / Padre Garcia and San Juan, Batangas
	Week 4	28	2 / Bamban and Capas, Tarlac
JULY	Week 5	5	3 / Capas, Tarlac
	Week 6	12	2 / Gerona and lapaz, Tarlac
	Week 7	19	3 / Lumil and Calansayan, San Jose Batangas
	Week 8	26	2 / San Miguel and Sta. Maria Bulacan
AUGUST	Week 9	2	3 / Lalayat and Tugtug, San Jose Batangas
	Week 10	9	3 / Anus and Sabang, San Jose Batangas
	Week 11	16	2 / San Pascual and San Jose Batangas
	Week 12	23	2 / San Jose Batangas
AUGUST	Week 13	30	3 / Tuy, Batangas and Amadeo & Naic, Cavite

B. 2nd Sample Collection

MONTH	Week	Wednesday	# Farms / Location
SEPTEMBER	Week 14	6	3 / Galay-amor and Banay-banay, San Jose, Batangas
	Week 15	13	2 / Nagcarlan Laguna and Baras Rizal
	Week 16	20	2 / Padre Garcia and San Juan, Batangas
	Week 17	27	2 / Bamban and Capas, Tarlac
OCTOBER	Week 18	4	3 / Capas, Tarlac
	Week 19	11	2 / Gerona and lapaz, Tarlac





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NOVEMBER	Week 20	18	3 / Lumil and Calansayan, San Jose Batangas
	Week 21	25	2 / San Miguel and Sta. Maria Bulacan
	Week 23	8	3 / Lalayat and Tugtug, San Jose Batangas
	Week 24	15	3 / Anus and Sabang, San Jose Batangas
	Week 25	22	2/ San Pascual and San Jose Batangas
	Week 26	29	2 / San Jose Batangas
DECEMBER	Week 27	6	3/ Tuy, Batangas and Amadeo & Naic, Cavite

ARTICLE II


SAMPLING PLAN

Type of Sample	No. of samples	Remarks
Table Eggs	42	for internal content
Table Eggs	42	for shell
Dust	5	with sterile gauze and skim milk
Feces	200 grams	sterile container/ ziplock

Detailed instruction will be provided to the layer farms on how sample collection should be carried out. Samples will be securely placed in a sterile container.

For your information.

Done this 22nd day of May 2023


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