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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

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**SUBJECT : REITERATION OF THE MANDATORY REGISTRATION OF ALL PET SHOPS, AVIARIES, ZOOS AND OTHER CAPTIVE WILDLIFE FACILITIES BREEDING, MAINTAINING, SELLING AND TRADING PET AND CAPTIVE WILD BIRDS**

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act (R.A.) 8485 *The Animal Welfare Act of 1998* as amended by R.A. 10631, aimed to protect and promote the welfare of all terrestrial, aquatic and marine animals in the Philippines by supervising and regulating the establishment and operations of all animal facilities where they are bred, treated, maintained, or kept, either for sale or trade or for training purposes as well as the transport in any form of public or private transportation facility to provide maximum comfort and to manage and control the spread of animal disease and death and to prevent any cruelty from being inflicted upon the animals;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Agriculture (DA) and Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2005-01 *Reiteration of DILG MC Nos. 2000-91 and 2003-153 Regarding the Implementation of Republic Act No. 8485, otherwise known as "The Animal Welfare Act of 1998"* and DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2016-12 *Mandatory Registration of Animal Facilities with the DA-Bureau of Animal Industry Prior to LGUs' Issuance of Business Permit* provides specific duties and responsibilities of the LGUs in the implementation and enforcement thereof;

**WHEREAS**, R.A. 11332 *An Act Providing Policies and Prescribe Procedures on Surveillance and Response to Notifiable Diseases, Epidemics, and Health Events of Public Health Concern, such as Avian Influenza, and Appropriating Funds therefor, Repealing for the Purpose Act No. 3573, otherwise known as the "Law on Reporting of Communicable Diseases"* provides penalty for non-cooperation of persons and entities on mandatory reporting of notifiable diseases or health events of public concern;

**WHEREAS**, there is a recent detection of Avian Influenza type A subtype H5N1 on an Indian Ring-necked Parakeet (*Psittacula sp.*) from a private aviary in Pasay City, National Capital Region;



**WHEREAS**, additional safety measures are necessary to prevent further spread of the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) to the remaining disease free areas in the country;

**WHEREAS**, there is an urgent need to protect the health of the public against the subject zoonotic disease;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, all Department of Agriculture (DA) Regional Animal Health and Welfare Focal Persons, Local Chief Executives, Local Government Veterinarians and all supporting units of the Local Government Units are enjoined to implement and enforce the following:

1. Mandatory registration of all pet shops, aviaries, zoos and other captive wildlife facilities breeding, maintaining, training, selling, trading or transporting all species of parrots, parakeets, lovebirds, budgerigars, cockatiels, finches, canaries, pigeons, doves, pheasants and all other avicultural species;
2. Submission of latest inventory of birds including origin or source of stocks as one of the requirements in the issuance of Certificate of Registration;
3. Conduct of public awareness campaign on the timely reporting of any unusual death and occurrence of disease in birds at the concerned City, Municipal or Provincial Veterinary Offices, DA Regional Field Offices and at the Bureau of Animal Industry;
4. Coordination and information sharing on the apprehension of non-cooperative entities and violators of R.A. 8485/ R.A. 10631, R.A. 11332, Rules and Regulations and related Administrative Issuances.

This circular shall take effect immediately and shall be in force until revoked in writing.

Done this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July 2022.



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