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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR** 

No. Series of 2018

Subject:

MORATORIUM ON THE CHARGING OF LABORATORY FEES FOR AVIAN INFLUENZA EXAMINATION AT THE BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY – ANIMAL DISEASE DIAGNOSIS AND REFERENCE LABORATORY (BAI-ADDRL)

In view of the detection of the Avian Influenza Virus (AIV) in Region III last August 2017 and as part of gathering solid basis to demonstrate that all avian species (domestic poultry and other birds) raised domestically are free from AIV, there is a need to encourage early disease reporting and sample submission as part of animal health monitoring and disease surveillance.

To achieve this purpose and to facilitate the processing of the requirements for local poultry movement, scheduled fees for AI testing of samples submitted to BAI-ADDRL for local transport and farm accreditation for local shipment shall be waived **until March 31, 2019**.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect on January 1, 2019.

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