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**SUBJECT** 

SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDELINES FOR BAI-RECOGNIZED

LABORATORY FACILITIES FOR ASF TESTING

To further strengthen the continued collaboration between the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) and BAI-recognized Laboratory Facilities for African Swine Fever (ASF) Testing in support of the Department of Agriculture (DA) ASF Control and Prevention Programme, the following supplementary guidelines are hereby issued:

1. BAI-recognized Laboratory Facilities for ASF Testing shall require the following list of documents from clients submitting samples for ASF testing:

a. At least one (1) Valid Government issued ID of the person submitting the samples that shall contain the person's complete address; and

- b. At least one (1) Government issued document that indicates the location of the farm from where the samples were collected such as but not limited to Mayor's Permit, Business Permit, and Letter of Endorsement from the Local Government Units (Provincial/City/Municipal Veterinary/Agriculture Office).
- 2. The information of the submitting farm such as the Farm Owner, Farm Name, Complete Farm Address, Contact Details of the Owner or Representative shall be included in the summary of test results submitted to BAI or DARFO.
- Complete and validated information of the farm tested is REQUIRED for the issuance of Certificate of Free Status on African Swine Fever (CFS-ASF) by the BAI or the DA – Regional Field Office concerned.

Should you have additional queries regarding the matter, you may contact the BAI African Swine Fever Control Task Force (BAI-ASFCTF) at telephone no. (02) 8528-2240 loc. 1402 or thru email <a href="mailto:bai.asftf@gmail.com">bai.asftf@gmail.com</a>.

For your information and strict compliance.

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