

MEMORANDUM CIRCULARNO. 43

Series of 2024

SUBJECT : COMPLIANCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 19 SERIES OF 2006 "RULES AND REGULATIONS ON THE TRANSPORT OF LIVE ANIMAL BY LAND"

The Republic Act (RA) 8485, otherwise known as the "Animal Welfare Act of 1998," serves as a cornerstone of legislative efforts to safeguard the humane treatment of animals. The objective of this Order, in alignment with the provisions set forth in RA 8485, is to promote, ensure, and protect the welfare of all animals during land transport. This mandate not only addresses the physical well-being of animals but also emphasizes the necessity of maintaining ethical standards throughout the transportation process. By implementing stringent guidelines and requiring compliance from all carriers, this Order seeks to minimize stress and prevent injury to animals, thereby upholding the principles of animal welfare as purpose in the Act.

Section 4, under the requirements for livestock, states that every ramp and gangway used by a carrier in loading or unloading animals shall have siding of sufficient height and strength to prevent animals from falling.

Section 5 states that the vehicle is required to have a reflectorized "Live Animals" label with at least 2.5" width by 26" length for cars, or at least 5" width by 52" length for vans and trucks. All vans and trucks shall be labeled on the top and both sides of the vehicle. Labels shall have a white background with black letters and a red border.

In compliance with the above-mentioned provisions, all applicants for a License to Operate Transport Carrier shall have a ramp or gangway during and after loading, and a reflectorized "Live Animals" label during the conduct of the inspection.

Issued this 30th day of AUGUST 2024.

For strict compliance.



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