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**IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE  
 PHILIPPINE NATIVE LAYER DUCK BREEDER FARM CERTIFICATION PROGRAM  
 (PNLDBFCP)**

Section 1 **INTRODUCTION**

The Philippine native animals play an important role in preserving and highlighting socio-economic and cultural diversities in the country. The native animals which, are known for their superior meat, egg and milk qualities, have been providing food and alternative source of livelihood in the countryside. The ability of the native animals to adapt to local conditions and to utilize locally available feed resources enable them to survive and reproduce with minimal inputs. Moreover, the products of native animals are highly preferred and paid premium prices by consumers because of their unique attributes. Thus, the success in the conservation, improvement and profitable utilization of native animals is highly dependent on programs that are aimed at attaining sustainable production of genetically superior native animal breeder stocks. Sustainability of breeding and genetic improvement programs is best achieved thru functional partnership between public and private sectors.

To support and promote the profitable utilization of native animals, the Department of Agriculture created the Philippine Native Animal Development Program (PNAD) under DA AO No. 15 of 2010, which aims to conserve and develop domesticated native food animals. This endeavor is currently being complemented by Senate Bill No. 144 that aims to establish Philippine Native Animal Center in different regions of the country. The private sector is encouraged to take active part in the production of good quality breeder stocks. However, the native animal raisers are now clamoring for a breeder farm certification system to serve as guide for native animals breeder and multiplier farms in ensuring continuous genetic improvement and sustained production of genetically superior breeder stocks.

In order to harmonize these initiatives, the PNAD Technical Working Group (TWG) is proposing the implementation of a native layer duck breeder farm certification program. Through this program, native layer duck breeder farms shall be registered and certified as source of good quality breeder stocks.

Section 2 **PURPOSE**

This Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) shall apply to the registration and certification of native layer duck breeder farms for the purpose of ensuring continuous genetic improvement and reliable source of good quality breeder stocks.

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Section 3

**DEFINITION OF TERMS**

When used in relation to the implementation of this IRR, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

- a. **Certification** shall refer to the procedure by which an authoritative body gives formal recognition that a juridical person and/or entity is competent to carry out the task of breeding ducks and producing good quality hatching eggs, ducklings, and replacement pullets.
- b. **Applicant** shall refer to any person, association, partnership, corporation, cooperative or any government agency or instrumentality that is applying for certification.
- c. **BAI** shall refer to the Bureau of Animal Industry of the Department of Agriculture.
- d. **Bureau Director** shall refer to the Director of BAI.
- e. **DA** shall refer to the Department of Agriculture, mandated with the functions of planning, formulation, execution, regulation and monitoring of programs and activities relating to agriculture, food production and supply.
- f. **DTI** shall refer to the Department of Trade and Industry, a government agency tasked with the registration and licensing of single-proprietorship company(ies).
- g. **DENR** shall refer to the Department of Environmental and Natural Resources, a government agency tasked with the issuance of environmental compliance certificate, which is a requirement for the issuance of permit to operate.
- h. **Drake** shall refer to the mature male duck.
- i. **Duck** shall refer to the mature female duck.
- j. **Duckling** shall refer to the young duck.
- k. **GAHP** shall refer to Good Animal Husbandry Practices or PNS 60: 2018.
- l. **IP** shall refer to Itik Pinas
- m. **IRR** shall refer to the Implementing Rules and Regulations, a set of legal documents that pertains to the execution of certain AOs and MOAs of the DA.
- n. **Layer Duck** shall refer to the mature duck whose primary function is to produce eggs.
- o. **Native animal** shall refer to the animal originating from a particular place or region; animal belonging to a locality and/or community; and animal that evolved from indiscriminate crossbreeding between domesticated wild animals and introduced breeds with no known introduction of exotic blood within the past 10 generations.
- p. **PNLDBFCP** shall refer to the Philippine Native Layer Duck Breeder Farm Certification Program.
- q. **TWG** shall refer to the Technical Working Group
- r. **PNAD** shall refer to the Philippine Native Animal Development Program
- s. **Ready-to-Lay** shall refer to five (5) month-old female ducks.
- t. **Registration** is the action by which information about the duck breeder farm is collected, recorded, securely stored and made appropriately accessible and to be utilized by the competent authority



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Section 4 **PROGRAM STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS**

**4.1. Overall Management**

The BAI Director shall approve the certificate of registration and certification upon the recommendation of the TWG. He shall provide the policy and over-all direction of the Program.

**4.2. Technical Working Group (TWG)**

Chair- Dr. Rene C. Santiago (BAI)  
Vice Chair - Dr. Synan S. Baguio (PCAARRD)  
Members - Dr. Veneranda A. Magpantay (UPLB)  
Dr. Julienne Maria Undine Paz H. Quimio (UPLB)  
Dr. Marivic M. de Vera (BAI)  
Mr. Alfred Ryenel M. Parungao (PCAARRD)  
Ms. Karen C. Dimaranan (BAI)  
One representative of Native Layer Duck Breeder

The TWG shall review, evaluate and validate the findings and recommend measures/amendments on the criteria and procedures of certification as may be deemed necessary. It shall assist the BAI Director in formulating policies for the Program and endorsing approval of the certification.

**4.3. Secretariat**

The Secretariat in coordination with the TWG shall provide application form to the applicants, accepts application for certification, conducts preliminary table evaluation, schedules farm visits, sends notices regarding application, and acts as repository of all data pertinent to the PNLDBFCP.

Section 5 **CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT**

**5.1.** All facilities should be registered with the competent authority pursuant to existing rules and regulations. Layer Duck Breeder Farms shall be registered pursuant to the provisions of R.A. no. 7160 the Local Government Code of 1991, R.A. no. 8485 the Animal Welfare Act of 1998 and DILG Memo Circular mo. 2005-01.

**5.2. General Requirements for Registration**

**5.2.1.** Application includes the name, address, age, citizenship, tax identification number and a latest passport-sized photo of the applicant and farm details such as when and where the farm was established.

**5.2.2.** Proof of registration and/or creation as an establishment, i.e.

**5.2.2.1.** For single proprietorship, an authenticated photocopy of the Certificate of Business name Registration issued by the Bureau of Domestic Trade of DTI.



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- 5.2.2.2. For partnership, corporation and other juridical person's authenticated photocopies of the Certificate of Registration by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Articles of Incorporation.
  - 5.2.2.3. For cooperatives, Certificate of Registration from the Cooperative Development Authority.
  - 5.2.2.4. A valid Mayor's permit for the current year.
  - 5.2.2.5. A valid Certificate of Registration of the Filipino Veterinarian issued by the Professional Regulation Commission and valid Professional Tax Receipt.
  - 5.2.2.6. A certificate of attendance of the owner and/or manager and the veterinarian to BAI sponsored and/or accredited seminar on duck breeding and management.
  - 5.2.2.7. Location map and floor plan of the facility.
  - 5.2.2.8. An authenticated copy of contract of lease for the space to be occupied if the applicant does not own it.
  - 5.2.2.9. An Environmental Clearance Certificate from the DENR, when applicable.
- 5.2.3. Payment of registration fees in accordance with the schedule of fees shall accompany an application for registration.

Section 6

**TECHNICAL REQUIREMENT FOR CERTIFICATION**

**6.1. Minimum Standard Requirement for a Native Layer Duck Breeder Farm**

**6.1.1. Animal requirement**

The native layer ducks, e.g. "Itik Pinas" should conform with the physical characteristics of the breed. These animals shall be supported with production performance issued by the farm of origin. Other details of production performance contained in the Manual will be formulated by the TWG.

**6.1.1.1.** There shall be at least 40 drakes and 200 ducks of pure native "Itik Pinas" (either IP Itim or IP Khaki) breeders.

**6.1.1.2.** There shall be a minimum of five (5) families of each strain of IP Itim and IP Khaki breeders.

**6.2. Animal housing and facilities**

The building shall be appropriately designed and facilities, equipment and tools for an effective and functional layer duck breeding operation should be available.

**6.2.1. Duck Breeder Housing**

**6.2.1.1.** Ducks may be housed in litter or elevated floors with partitions preferably made of concrete or poultry plastic or GI wire mesh. The litter floorings should be dry with sufficient floor space of one (1) sq m space allowance for 2-3 head. A maximum of four (4) head of ducks maybe kept in a 1 sqm slatted or elevated floor housing unit.



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- 6.2.1.2. Ventilation and Cooling. The house should be covered with plastic net. A monitor type roofing design (for GI roofing) is recommended for more efficient ventilation.
- 6.2.1.3. Breeder houses maybe divided into a minimum of 20 pens per strain. Each pen may hold one breeding family composed of one (1) drake and five (5) ducks. Each breeding family must have production records.
- 6.2.1.4. Nesting area should be provided with dry litter at all times.

### 6.3. Production Protocol

#### 6.3.1. Breeder management

##### 6.3.1.1. Type of operation

6.3.1.1.1. Great Grand Parental

6.3.1.1.2. Grand Parental

6.3.1.1.3. Parental Stock

##### 6.3.1.2. Breeding program

6.3.1.2.1. Pure breeding

6.3.1.2.2. Cross breeding

##### 6.3.1.3. Production

###### 6.3.1.3.1. Brooding

Brooding will be done from day old to four (4) weeks old. Birds will be provided with artificial heater and dry beddings.

###### 6.3.1.3.2. Growing

Growing will start from four (4) weeks old to 18 weeks old. Birds will be placed in pens with sufficient floor space and adequate feeding and drinking spaces. Water ponds maybe provided to allow the birds to express their natural behavior of bathing to preen their feathers.

###### 6.3.1.3.3. Laying

Laying normally starts at 19 weeks of age. Laying houses should be installed with feeders, drinkers and nesting area.

#### 6.3.2. Housing management

6.3.2.1. Selection of area – should be in “agricultural zone with adequate supply of water, with access road and area for expansion. It should also have access to communication and adequate supply of electricity.

6.3.2.2. Equipment – with artificial brooder, feeder and drinker; water storage facility, feed storage room, facilities for biosecurity and other equipment necessary in feeding, egg collection and storage and disinfection (e.g. wheel barrow, egg holding cabinets, egg trays and crates, sprayers, etc).



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- 6.3.2.3. Hatchery facilities with Artificial Incubator (setter and hatcher), with cooling room for egg storage
- 6.3.2.4. Type of flooring – slatted, litter or combination
- 6.3.2.5. Type of roof – shed, gable, half monitor, or monitor.
- 6.3.2.6. Water pond maybe provided but not mandatory.

**6.3.3. Feeding management**

- 6.3.3.1. Starter feeds for ducklings, Grower feeds for grower and Laying feeds for Layer
- 6.3.3.2. Feed storage facilities with enough ventilation and rodent control facility

**6.3.4. Health management**

- 6.3.4.1. Biosecurity measures, clean and dirty areas are clearly defined, foot and vehicle dip should be in place
- 6.3.4.2. Health program

**6.4. Minimum Personnel Requirement**

- 6.4.1. Veterinary consultant (1)
- 6.4.2. Farm manager (1)
- 6.4.3. Animal Caretaker (2)

**6.5. Animal Welfare, Health and Safety Practices**

- 6.5.1. Certificate of registration under Animal Welfare Act of 1998
- 6.5.2. Farm practices must be in accordance with GAHP

Section 7

**PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES FOR CERTIFICATION**

The applicant must follow these procedures for initial application of certification

- 7.1. Applicant accomplishes the application form that is downloadable from the BAI website or from the nearest DA Regional Field Office/Unit, have it notarized and submit it to the BAI or to the nearest DA – Regional Field Office/Unit either through regular mail, fax or email whichever is convenient.
- 7.2. Upon filing of notarized application, the applicant pays the corresponding fees to the Cashier of BAI in person, or through electronic money transfer.
- 7.3. The TWG conducts on-site survey to determine compliance with standards and technical requirements. In the conduct of on-site inspection, the TWG shall follow the biosecurity protocols (downtime, disinfection, etc.) set by the Breeder Farms.
- 7.4. The TWG through the Secretariat reports the findings or results of evaluation to BAI Director for appropriate action.
- 7.5. If approved, the BAI Director issues a certificate of certification to the applicant upon payment of fee within ten (10) working days. If disapproved, the Bureau Director sends the findings and recommendations to the applicant for compliance. Failure to comply within 60 days shall be a ground for denial of the certification. Otherwise, the applicant has to re-file his application and pay the required certification fee.



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7.6. Certification shall be valid for two (2) years.

Section 8 **FEES**

8.1. The following schedule of fees for the certification shall be paid to the Cashier of the BAI.

8.1.1. Private Native Layer Duck Breeder Farm

Application Fee	Free
Initial Certification Fee	Free
Renewal Fee	P5,000.00

8.2. The BAI is authorized to amend the certification fee from time to time upon the recommendation of the TWG.

Section 9 **RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATION**

9.1. Renewal of Certification shall commence six (6) months before the expiration of the previous certification.

9.2. Application for renewal of certification shall be filed not later than ninety (90) days before the expiry date.

9.3. For the renewal of certification,

9.3.1 Applicant shall accomplish the required documents and submit to BAI through the Secretariat and pay the corresponding fees at the Cashier's Office of the BAI.

9.3.2 The following documents are required:

- a. Notarized Application for Renewal of Certification
- b. Copy of Current Certification document
- c. Current Mayor's Permit
- d. Current Certification of Registration
- e. List of Equipment/Instruments
- f. Breeder drake and duck inventory

9.3.3 The BAI through the TWG shall conduct farm inspection to determine compliance with standards and technical requirements for certification. Inspection shall commence within thirty (30) days upon receipt of documents by the Secretariat.

9.4 If approved, the BAI issues Certification. If disapproved, the BAI sends the findings and recommendations to the applicant for compliance. Failure to comply within Sixty (60) days shall be ground for suspension and/or revocation of certification.

The details will be contained in the Operations Manual that will be developed by the TWG.



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Section 10 **INITIAL SEED FUND**

In carrying out the activities of the **PNLDBFCP, One Million Pesos (P1,000,000.00)** initial fund shall be provided to the BAI through the NLP.

Section 11 **USE OF CERTIFICATION FUNDS**

The proceeds from this program shall be deposited under the Philippine Livestock Promotion Fund (Sec. 9, RA 1578) Revolving Fund. Certification funds shall be used exclusively to sustain the activities of the program such as the conduct of evaluation and inspection of Native Layer Duck Breeder Farms, meetings, honoraria, consultations and capacity building subject to usual Government Accounting Rules and Regulations.

Section 12 **MONITORING OF NATIVE LAYER DUCK BREEDER FARMS**

The BAI shall conduct on-site visits of registered and certified Native Layer Duck Breeder Farms. The monitoring shall document the output and performance of the certified farms.

Section 13 **TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF CERTIFICATION**

- 13.1. A certification shall be granted in accordance with prescribed registration and certification requirements and on the basis of specific conditions and limitations established during the inspection.
- 13.2. A certification that is not renewed until the expiry date shall be considered lapsed and registration shall be cancelled. A new application for the issuance of certification shall be required before a farm can be allowed to sell native layer duck breeder stocks.
- 13.3. The certification as herein granted as well as any right under the certification cannot be assigned or otherwise transferred directly or indirectly to other party.
- 13.4. In case of transfer of location, a new application and supporting documents for certification shall be filed.
- 13.5. A separate certification shall be required for all Satellite Farms maintained in separate premises even if operated by the same management.
- 13.6. The Certification document shall be displayed in conspicuous area to be seen by the public. A copy of the IRR shall be readily available for guidance of all personnel in the Farm.

Section 14 **VALIDITY**

The certification shall be valid for a period of two (2) years, unless earlier cancelled for just cause.

Section 15 **VIOLATIONS**

Any violations on the terms and conditions of the IRR shall be a ground for suspension or revocation of Certification.



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Section 16 **SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATION**

Any violation to this IRR shall be a ground for suspension and non-compliance within 60 days from each offense will automatically elevate to the succeeding offense:

- First offense – warning
- Second offense – suspension of certification
- Third offense – revocation of certification

Section 17 **SANCTIONS**

17.1. Violations of any terms and conditions of the IRR shall be a ground for the suspension of its certification as breeder farm.

17.2. The BAI shall cause the revocation of certification of any certified Native Layer Duck Breeder Farm that violated any provisions of the IRR.

Section 18 **REAPPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION**

A Native Layer Duck Breeder Farm where its Certification has been revoked may re-apply for the issuance of a new one upon compliance of all the requirements established here under and/or the correction of the deficiency or violation, which resulted in revocation.

Section 19 **COMPLIANCE/GRACE PERIOD**

The Native Layer Duck Breeder Farm who failed to comply with the mandatory registration and certification shall be given a grace period of two (2) years for compliance.

Section 20 **SEPARABILITY CLAUSE**

The provisions of these IRR are hereby declared separable, and in the event that one or more of such provisions are declared invalid the validity of all other provisions shall not be affected.

Section 21 **AMENDMENT CLAUSE**

As the need arises, the IRR may be recommended for amendment by the TWG for approval by the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture.



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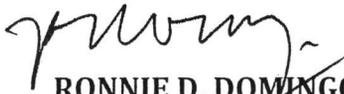
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Section 22 **EFFECTIVITY**

The IRR shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the official gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation and submission to the UP Law Center.

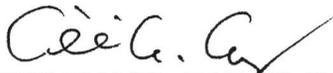
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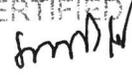


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