



MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

NO. 03

Series of 2023

SUBJECT : RESCINDING SECTION 8 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR NO. 4 SERIES OF 2015 (RULES AND REGULATIONS ON THE REGISTRATION OF ANIMAL FACILITIES)

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) is mandated by the Republic Act 8485 (RA 8485) otherwise known as the *“Animal Welfare Act of 1998”* as amended by RA 10631, its Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations to protect and promote the welfare of all animals in the Philippines by supervising and regulating the establishment and operations of all animal facilities and ensure that such establishments are adequate, clean and sanitary and shall not be used for nor cause pain and/or suffering to the animal;

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture – Administrative Circular No. 4 series of 2015 (DA-AC No. 4 series of 2015) provides the rules and regulations on the registration of all Animal Facilities;

WHEREAS, recurring issues concerning the registration of animal facilities have been encountered by the Bureau of Animal Industry and relevant DA Regulatory Offices primarily on Section 8 of said Administrative Circular;

WHEREAS, there is a compelling need to improve the existing guidelines related to the regulation and monitoring of animal facilities and facilitate economic growth through adoption of simplified requirements and procedures that will reduce bureaucratic red tape and expedite business and non-business-related transactions in the government pursuant to RA 11032 or the *“Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018”*;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN, Senior Undersecretary of the Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby rescind Section 8 of the Department of Agriculture – Administrative Circular No. 4 series of 2015 (DA-AC No. 4 series of 2015);

All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

This **ORDER** shall take effect immediately.

Done this 17th day of January 2023.

DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN
Senior Undersecretary

