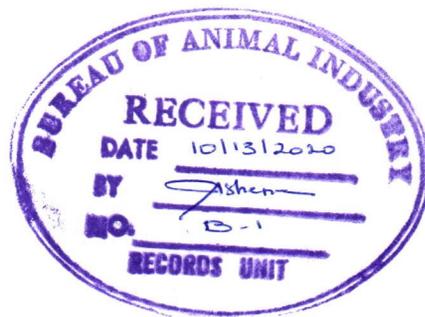




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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

NO. 31  
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**SUBJECT : MORATORIUM ON THE CHARGING OF LABORATORY FEES FOR AVIAN INFLUENZA TEST REQUIRED FOR LOCAL TRANSPORT OF ANIMALS AND FARM ACCREDITATION BY THE ANIMAL DISEASE DIAGNOSIS AND REFERENCE LABORATORY (ADDRL) OF THE BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY (BAI) AND REGIONAL ANIMAL DISEASE DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORIES (RADDLs)**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Agriculture, through the BAI, is tasked to implement the Avian Influenza (AI) Prevention and Control Program as the disease continues to be a threat to the poultry industry;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to maintain and improve the AI reporting system of the country by ensuring that laboratory tests are conducted to confirm field reports or suspect cases;

**WHEREAS**, more sample submissions are encouraged to improve the existing national AI surveillance program as this would serve as an early warning system for a fast and better institution of prevention and control measures;

**WHEREAS**, in some instances, multiple tests need to be conducted to attain conclusive results that are not affordable for most clients;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to harmonize the laboratory services and fees under the DA in order to have a uniform implementation of the AI Prevention and Control Program;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. DAR**, Secretary of Agriculture, do hereby order the moratorium on the charging of laboratory fees for Avian Influenza for local transport and farm accreditation purposes at the ADDRL-BAI and the RADDLs until December 31, 2021.

**This ORDER shall take effect immediately.**

Issued this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020, in Quezon City.

**WILLIAM D. DAR, PhD**  
 Secretary

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