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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**  
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**SUBJECT: WAIVER OF THE LABORATORY FEE FOR BRUCELLA TESTING AT THE ANIMAL DISEASE DIAGNOSTIC AND REFERENCE LABORATORY (ADDRL) OF THE BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY AND REGIONAL ANIMAL DISEASE DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORIES (RADDLs)**

**WHEREAS**, Brucellosis is a contagious disease of livestock with significant economic impact;

**WHEREAS**, the disease is caused by various bacteria of the family Brucella, which infects specific animal species;

**WHEREAS**, Brucellosis is a significant cause of reduced production in sheep, goats, cattle and pigs, which has a serious impact on the livelihood of farmers especially in developing countries;

**WHEREAS**, Brucellosis causes poor reproductive performance due to abortions, placenta retention, stillbirth or birth of weak offspring;

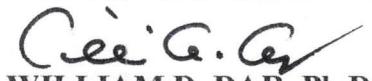
**WHEREAS**, a test and stamping out program is required to completely eliminate the disease;

**WHEREAS**, Serology is the most cost-effective method of diagnosing infection in persistently infected, clinically normal animals and a 100 % testing of all animals is a requirement for the accreditation of small ruminant and swine breeder farms as per DA Administrative Order No. 4 Series of 2007 – Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Small Ruminant Breeder Farm Accreditation Program (SRBFAP) and DA Administrative Order No. 23 Series of 2005 Revised Guidelines for the Accreditation of Swine Breeder Farms as well as for the issuance of local shipping permit as per DA Administrative Order No. 5 Series of 2019 – Guidelines on the Local Transport/ Shipment of Animals, Animal Products and By-products;

**WHEREAS**, the cost of laboratory deters the livestock raisers from submitting samples to the laboratory to determine the incidence of Brucellosis in their farm which is essential in the institution of effective control measures and discourages them to apply to the breeder farm accreditation program of the Bureau of Animal Industry and proves to be cumbersome to farmers and traders intending to transport their animals;

**NOW THEREFORE I, WILLIAM D. DAR**, Secretary of Agriculture, do hereby order a waiver on the laboratory fee for testing Brucellosis at the Animal Disease Diagnosis Reference Laboratory (ADDRL) and the Regional Animal Disease Diagnosis Laboratories (RADDLs).

This order shall take effect immediately.

  
**WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D**  
Secretary

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