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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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SUBJECT : AMENDMENT TO BAI MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 16, SERIES OF 2017 "ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES ON THE IMPORTATION OF GENETIC MATERIALS SUCH AS BUT NOT LIMITED TO SEMEN, HATCHING EGGS AND EMBRYO"

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) has issued Memorandum Circular No.16, series of 2017, pertaining to the required quarantine site inspection prior to the entry and after quarantine period completion of imported genetic materials (semen, oocytes, embryo, or hatching eggs), and the approved quarantine sites for the genetic materials identified as either storages and hatcheries with identified capacity to manage the quantity to be imported and biosecurity measures confirmed to be in place;

WHEREAS, based on the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) Terrestrial Animal Health Code (TAHC), the overall risk of the entry of diseases from genetic materials such as semen, oocytes, or embryo, depends on several factors, and most of which were already required to be accomplished in the exporting country prior to the entry of the genetic material;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No.11032 or the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018 aims to streamline the current systems and procedures of government services to facilitate prompt actions or resolution of all transactions with efficiency;

NOW, THEREFORE, to ensure that requests are unhampered and to streamline the import certification processes, this issuance constitutes a modification to the previous directive pertaining to BAI Memorandum No. 16, series of 2017:

1. EXCEPT for hatching eggs, ALL requests for importation of genetic materials (semen, oocytes, embryo, etc) from accredited countries shall NO longer require a Certificate of Quarantine Site Inspection (QSI) and Notice of Quarantine Release (NoQR) prior to the issuance of an SPS Import Clearance.
2. Further, the said genetic materials (semen, oocytes, embryo, etc) shall NO longer be issued a Notice of Quarantine (NoQ) upon arrival. Instead, the importer would need to submit an Affidavit of Undertaking bit.ly/GeneticMaterialAffidavit that specifies the distribution and final use locations. This includes the contact details and addresses of where the said materials shall be stored and eventually inseminated/used.





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3. Once the application for an SPS Import Clearance (SPSIC) is approved and issued, the genetic material can be imported to the Philippines provided all requirements including collection, test, processing and storage complies with the Philippines' Import Terms and Conditions (ITC), as well as the related norms stipulated in the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) Terrestrial Animal Health Code.
4. Each consignment shall be accompanied by an original veterinary certificate issued by the veterinarian of the animal quarantine authority of the exporting country. The genetic materials including but not limited to accompanying laboratory tests (if any) and other related documents will be inspected once it arrives at the border. All the original documents must be surrendered to the corresponding Veterinary Quarantine Officer (VQO) or Veterinary Quarantine Inspector (VQI) upon arrival for biosecurity inspection and clearance.
5. Further, the Bureau may request an updated list of recipient animals from the imported genetic materials and/or visit the genetic material facility/farm, at any time, as necessary.
6. It shall be the exporters' responsibility for the precision of information contained in the certificates, and in all information provided to this Office.

For your information and guidance.

Done this 12th day of April 2024.


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