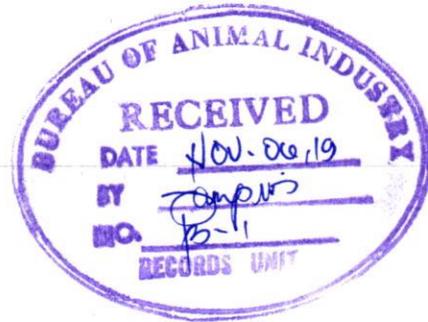




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SUBJECT: **CREATION OF PHILIPPINE NATIVE LAYER DUCK BREEDER FARM CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (PNLDBFCP), and the INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENT FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION**

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture (DA) is implementing the **National Livestock Program (NLP)** as one of its banner programs that aims to increase livestock and poultry production, improve livestock productivity, increase farmers' income, and contribute to the objectives of food security;

WHEREAS, one of the components of the NLP is the Philippine Native Animal Development Program (PNAD), which was created under Department of Agriculture (DA) Administrative Order (AO) No. 15 series of 2010 that aims to conserve, develop, and utilize the domesticated native food animals, which are known for their superior meat, milk and egg qualities;

WHEREAS, government agencies have developed and promoted native egg-type duck breeds for the production of *balut*, salted egg and other novel products from duck eggs;

WHEREAS, there is a need to increase the number of legitimate layer duck breeder farms that have the capability to implement organized breeding and selection system to ensure continuous genetic improvement and stable supply of good quality breeder and commercial-type layer ducks and minimize the distribution and sale of layer ducks with unknown genetics;

WHEREAS, production, distribution and sale of authentic genetically superior breeder and commercial type native layer ducks can be enhanced thru a systematic certification by a relevant government recognized body;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. DAR, Secretary of Agriculture, do hereby issue this Administrative Circular creating the **PHILIPPINE NATIVE LAYER DUCK BREEDER FARM CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (PNLDBFCP)** and the Institutional Arrangement for its implementation, and order:

- That native layer duck breeder farms engaged in the production and marketing of breeder and commercial ducks must be duly certified.

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- That the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) through the PNLDBFCP Technical Working Group (TWG) shall conduct the inspection and evaluation process relative to the certification of native duck breeder farms.
- That a Secretariat composed of personnel of the BAI shall facilitate the inspection and evaluation activities relative to layer duck breeder farms certification.
- That the procedures for certification shall be governed by the **“Procedural Guidelines for Native Layer Duck Breeder Farm Certification Scheme.”**

To implement this task, the **Philippine Native Layer Duck Breeder Farm Certification Committee (PNLDBFCC)** is hereby created which will be composed of the following:

A. Advisory Council(AC)

- Chair - Assistant Secretary for Livestock, DA
- Co-Chair - Director, BAI
- Members - Executive Director, Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCAARRD)
Director, Bureau of Agricultural Research (BAR)
Director, Institute of Animal Science, University of the Philippines Los Baños (IAS-UPLB)

B. 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

- C. Secretariat - Ms. Melanie M. Estole (BAI)
Mr. Paul Andrew G. del Carmen (BAI)

The AC shall provide policy and over-all direction of the **PNLDBFCP**.

The TWG shall be responsible for the actual inspection and evaluation of breeder farms and recommend amendments for further improvement of the criteria and procedures of certification as may be necessary, provided that all amendments must be approved by the AC.

The Secretariat shall provide application form to the applicants, accept application for certification, conduct preliminary table evaluation, schedule farm visits, send notices regarding application, and act as repository of all data pertinent to the PNLDBFCP.

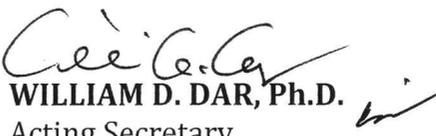
Upon favorable recommendation of the TWG, the BAI shall issue the Breeder Farm Certification.



All members of the PNLDBFCC are authorized to claim traveling expenses and honoraria, chargeable against Livestock Program Funds of the Office of the Secretary, subject to availability of funds and in compliance with accounting rules and regulations.

All other expenses to be incurred by members of PNLDBFCC from agencies/institutions other than those under the DA shall be charged to the livestock program funds of DA. Those from DA and its attached agencies shall be charged against the funds of their respective agencies, likewise subject to availability of funds and in compliance with accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately.


WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.
Acting Secretary

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