

## MEMORANDUM ORDER

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### SUBJECT: GUIDELINES ON THE RABIES VACCINE ALLOCATION, DISTRIBUTION AND RELEASE

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act (RA) 9482 was promulgated to protect and promote the right to health of the people towards the control, prevention, and eventual eradication of human and animal rabies;

**WHEREAS**, Rabies is a 100% vaccine-preventable disease, thus, mass vaccination of dogs is among the critical component activities of the National Rabies Prevention and Control Program (NRPCP);

**WHEREAS**, RA 9482 mandated the Department of Agriculture (DA) to ensure the availability and adequate supply of animal Anti-Rabies vaccine at all times giving priority to high-risk economically disadvantaged areas;

**WHEREAS**, there is an increasing trend in the number of human rabies deaths and animal rabies cases thereby an urgent need to strengthen the implementation of the NRPCP towards the attainment of zero rabies deaths in the Philippines by 2030;

**WHEREAS**, the DA approved the procurement of rabies vaccines for 2024 and allocated substantial funding for 2025 to support mass vaccination activities;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the following guidelines on rabies vaccine allocation, distribution and release is hereby provided for the information, guidance, and compliance of all concerned;

### SECTION 1. VACCINE ALLOCATION

1. BAI and Department of Agriculture Regional Field Offices (DA-RFOs) shall prioritize the Local Government Unit (LGU) provinces with high rabies case incidence and human deaths as per Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) and Department of Health (DOH) data particularly those economically disadvantaged areas for vaccine allocation and immediate distribution.
2. For FY 2024, prior to the delivery of the allocation per region of rabies vaccines, the following must be provided to the BAI – Animal Health and Welfare Division (AHWD) – Rabies Program Team by the deputized Regional Rabies Program Managers (RRPMs)/Alternates;
  - a. Number of animal anti-rabies vaccines procured for 2024;
  - b. Number of animals vaccinated against rabies in 2024;

- c. Dog population; and
  - d. Number of registered household pets.
3. Requests for anti-rabies vaccines other than from LGUs (Non-government Organizations and/or Private Organizations) shall be subject to the endorsement of the LGU where the vaccination activity is intended to be conducted.
  4. Vaccine usage shall also be used as a criterion for the number of vaccines allocated per region in the succeeding year. Hence, should usage be less than allocated, the number of unused vaccines will be deducted in the succeeding year's allocation.

## SECTION 2. VACCINE DISTRIBUTION

1. The supplier ships the vaccine directly from their cold storage area to the DA-RFOs and shall only be received by the deputized RRPMS/Alternates.
2. The vaccine supplier shall provide BAI with the following shipment details:
  - a. volume of vaccines (in doses and bottles);
  - b. batch and lot number;
  - c. manufacturing date;
  - d. expiration date; and
  - e. additional shipment details as required.
3. DA-RFOs are responsible for maintaining the vaccine cold chain, transport, distribution, and release of vaccines to the concerned Local Government Units (LGUs).
4. BAI shall monitor vaccine inventory and maintain a record of all releases from the cold storage facility in coordination with the supplier.

## SECTION 3. VACCINE MONITORING AND REPORTING

1. Monitoring of vaccine stocks shall be judiciously performed by the RRPMS or their alternates in their respective regions and reported to the BAI – AHWD – Rabies Program Team;
2. The following information shall be reported quarterly:
  - a. Number of vaccinated dogs/animals;
  - b. Number of registered dogs/animals;
  - c. Number of animals that have been spayed and neutered;
  - d. Number of impounded animals; and
  - e. Number of euthanized animals;




3. On the other hand, the following shall be reported at the very latest, every 31<sup>st</sup> of January of every year, starting FY 2025:
- Number of animal anti-rabies vaccines procured per province and/or city for the current fiscal year;
  - Total number of vaccinated animals in the previous year; and
  - Dog population.

Failure of the RRPMS or their alternates to submit the above-mentioned data will be sufficient grounds for the suspension of the delivery of their vaccine allocation.

This order shall take effect immediately. All orders, memoranda and circulars inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked or amended accordingly.

Issued this 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2024.

  
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