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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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SUBJECT: REVISED GUIDELINES ON THE ISSUANCE OF SHIPPING PERMIT FOR THE LOCAL TRANSPORT OF LIVE ANIMALS, ANIMAL PRODUCTS AND BY-PRODUCTS

Pursuant to **BAI Memorandum Circular No. 26 s. 2017** and **DA Memorandum Circular No. 14 s. 2017** relative to the issuance of local Shipping Permit for the local transport/shipment of live animals, animal products and by-products, within and between regions and island provinces/regions in the country, the following guidelines are hereby issued to provide updated guidelines and clarifications for all concerned:

1. In areas without veterinarians to issue Veterinary Health Certificate, the authorized personnel of Municipal/City/Provincial Veterinary/Agriculturist Office shall be permitted to issue **ANIMAL INSPECTION CERTIFICATE (AIC)** in lieu of Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC) which is a requirement for the issuance of a Shipping Permit.
2. The VHC shall be valid for a maximum of **THREE (3) DAYS**, to start counting the following day after its issuance date, including Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays.
3. The VHC or AIC shall be required for the local transport of the following:
 - a. Dogs and cats
 - b. Livestock animals for breeding and slaughter (swine, large and small ruminants)
 - c. Horses for breeding/show/draft
 - d. Avian (Hatching Eggs (HEs)/Day-old-chicks (DOCs)/Ready-to-Lay Pullets (RTL), Broilers from Commercial Farms, Free range/native chickens raised in the backyard, Game fowls, Racing Pigeons, Quails, Ducks for Meat and Egg production, Grazing Ducks, Pet birds including but not limited to Lovebirds, non-racing pigeons, doves, Spent Hens/Chicken/Culls from Commercial and Backyard/Smallholder Farms.
 - e. Wild Animals and Other Exotic Pets
 - f. Other Pets including rabbits, hamster and white mice.
 - g. Eggs (Embryonated Eggs/Balut/Salted Eggs, Quail Eggs, Table eggs)
 - h. Manure
 - i. Semen(Swine, Cattle, Buffalo, Chicken, Game fowl, Goat)
4. The Shipping Permit issued by the BAI - National Veterinary Quarantine Services (Central Office or Veterinary Quarantine Stations) shall be valid for maximum **SEVEN (7) DAYS** to start counting the following day after its issuance date, including Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays.

All Circulars previously issued which are inconsistent with the above cited provisions are hereby superseded.

This Circular shall take effect immediately.


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