

## Republic of the Philippines Department of Agriculture BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY Dilliman, Guezon City

## MEMORANDUM

TO

ALL EXPORTERS OF POULTRY

FROM

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Director

DATE

: \( \september 30, 2004 \)

SUBJECT

: REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES IN THE

EXPORT OF POULTRY (Hatching Eggs, Day-old

Chicks and Frozen Poultry Meat)

Pursuant to Administrative Order No. 10, series of 1981 re Defining the Powers and Duties of the Director of Animal Industry relative to Animal Quarantine, Inspection and Sanitation as provided for under Section 1761-1770 of the revised Administrative Code and Memorandum Circular No. 8, series of 1980 re Health requirements for the export of live animals (except wild birds), the following requirements are hereby promulgated in the export of hatching eggs, day-old chicks and frozen poultry meat in order to ensure the entry of said items from the Philippines to foreign countries and to protect our export market:

- I. Any person, firm or corporation intending to export poultry shall apply for an export permit with the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI).
  - 1. The application should be addressed to the BAI Director.
  - 2. The following documents must be submitted together with the letter of application:
    - a. A copy of the health requirements and/or entry permit of the importing country.
    - b. Farm Profile

- 3. Only farms and/or animals that have passed the herein health requirements of the importing country will be allowed to be exported.
- II. Minimum Health Requirements: In addition to the health requirements of the importing country, the following requirements shall be complied with:
  - 1. That the farm of origin has been inspected by staff of the Animal Health Division (AHD) or duly-designated staff of the DA Regional Field Units and Local Government Units and tested and found to be free from Avian Influenza and other diseases required by the importing country every 6 months or as the need arises.
  - 2. At the time of inspection, there is no clinical evidence of infectious poultry diseases.
  - 3. A certification issued by the farm veterinarian stating no case of Newcastle Disease, Fowl Cholera, Fowl Typhoid, Avian Salmonellosis and Mareks Disease has occurred in the farm for a period of at least 90 days prior to export.
  - 4. Only farms that have passed the herein health requirements will be allowed to export.

## III. Slaughter Requirements:

- 1. NMIC Certification The exporter shall obtain from the National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS) an Official Meat Inspection Certificate that the said food animal is free from dangerous and communicable diseases at the time of inspection, and that the meat therefrom is safe and wholesome.
- 2. NMIC Laboratory Report The NMIS shall conduct laboratory analysis of the meat as per requirement of the importing country.
- IV. International Veterinary Certificate (IVC) Upon meeting all the above requirements, an IVC shall be issued by the BAI-AHD which shall be valid for ten days from the date of issuance.

For immediate and strict compliance.