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Subject: Guidelines for accreditation of farms as FMD Free in line with the progressive zoning approach of the FMD Control and Eradication Program

In view of the gains achieved by the FMD Control and Eradication Program of the Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Animal Industry (DA-BAI) through the National FMD Task Force especially in the area of progressive zoning approach, this being a strategy to further isolate the foci of infection with expansion of disease free areas while protecting the same from re-introduction of the disease, and preparing most parts if not the entire Luzon for local declaration as a preparation to application to OIE for a free status with vaccination following the guidelines stated in the OIE's Animal Health Code.

In order to support the above mentioned direction of the program and to ensure that all animals being shipped in the locally declared free zones and the protected areas are free from the disease, the following are hereby imposed:

1. Shipment of live animals going to protected and locally declared free areas must come only from FMD Free Accredited farms/establishments.
2. All commercial farms with shipments going in the endemic areas are also hereby required to be accredited for such purpose under the following accreditation standards;

1a. Types of accreditation

(i) With sero-sampling and biosecurity evaluation

This type of accreditation is required for all breeder farms and commercial farms in the endemic areas of Luzon with shipments going to protected areas. Serological profiling will be conducted to ensure that all animals from this source are with enough level of protection against FMD. Vaccination program will be evaluated and titer of protection will also be validated through laboratory examinations.

(ii) Biosecurity evaluation

In recognition of the need of the industry to have deputized licensed farm consultants/veterinarians who will be given restricted authority to issue shipping documents for shipment of FMD susceptible animals for slaughter in the endemic areas, this type of

accreditation which does not require serological profiling, but only evaluation of animal health programs-particularly on FMD and the over-all biosecurity measures being instituted is hereby required as a requisite of such deputation as prescribed in a special order already issued by the Bureau of Animal Industry.

1b. Validity of FMD accreditation

These accreditations will be valid for a period of six (6) months and will be a required in processing existing accreditation for breeder farms and for registration of commercial farms as required in existing guidelines.

1c. Composition

The accreditation team shall be composed of the members of the BAI-NFMDTF Technical Team, Regional FMD Coordinators and the Provincial/City/Municipal Veterinarians of concerned localities and/or their duly designated representatives.

ALL CONCERNED ARE HEREBY ENJOINED FOR STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS GUIDELINE.


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