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MEMORANDUM

TO : PLANT QUARANTINE SERVICE
c/o MR. LUBEN MARASIGAN

FROM : THE DIRECTOR

DATE : April 19, 2013

SUBJECT : DA- Administrative Order No. 14, S. 2012 "Promoting the Development of Apiculture or Honeybee Industry"

This has reference to the attached DA-AO No. 14, S. 2012 "Promoting the Development of Apiculture or Honeybee Industry Including Its Official Controls and Regulatory Requirement Under the Bureau of Animal Industry". Please be informed that as per this AO, formulation of honeybee appropriate official controls and quarantine measures based on OIE standards will be under BAI, and therefore issuance of Import Permits (IP) will still be under the jurisdiction of BPI. However, all Plant Quarantine Officers are directed to get prior clearance from BAI before issuance of any IP.

For your information, guidance and compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Office of the Secretary
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DA-Administrative Order

No. 14
Series of 2012

Subject **Promoting the Development of Apiculture or Honeybee Industry Including Its Official Controls and Regulatory Requirement Under the Bureau of Animal Industry**

WHEREAS, apiculture or honey bee production is recognized in the country as an important agricultural activity providing income and livelihood to small farmers;

WHEREAS, bees are insects which belong to the animal kingdom;

WHEREAS, Article 4.15.1 of the Terrestrial Code of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) described the official control of bee diseases to include (i) an organization for permanent health surveillance; (ii) approval of breeding apiaries for export trade; (iii) measures for cleaning, disinfection and disinfestation of apicultural equipment and (iv) rules precisely stating the requirement for issuing an international veterinary certificate;

WHEREAS, Article 4.15.2 of the Terrestrial Code states that these official controls should be under the Veterinary Authority;

WHEREAS, recognizing the potential of apiculture, Republic Act No 9151 was passed creating the National Apiculture Research, Training and Development Institute (NARTDI) under the Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University (DMMMSU), Province of La Union;

WHEREAS, section 3 of RA 9151, defined the general power and functions of NARTDI and that these should be consistent with the research, extension and development programs of the Department of Agriculture, DOST, DTI, DENR, NEDA and DMMMSU;

WHEREAS, section 6 of RA 9151 identified the composition of the Advisory Board with the DA Secretary as ex officio Chairman;

WHEREAS, during the Advisory Board Meeting of September 2, 2011 a resolution was passed requesting the inclusion of apiculture as one of the commodities for development of the Department of Agriculture;

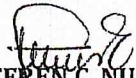
NOW, THEREFORE I, PROCESO J. ALCALA as Secretary of Agriculture in accordance with the powers vested in me by law, do hereby issue this Administrative Order directing the Bureau of Animal Industry to:

1. Promote the development of apiculture in coordination with NARTDI and other beekeepers and stakeholders;
2. Support the development of Apiculture Road Map and integrate its annual work and financial plan under the National Livestock Program;
3. Formulate appropriate official controls and quarantine measures based on OIE standards and other International setting bodies.

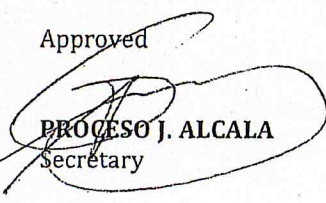
This Administrative Order also directs the transfer of any existing honey bee quarantine activity from the Bureau of Plant Industry to the Bureau of Animal Industry.

This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

Recommending Approval


EFREN C. NUESTRO
Director

Approved


PROCESO J. ALCALA
Secretary

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