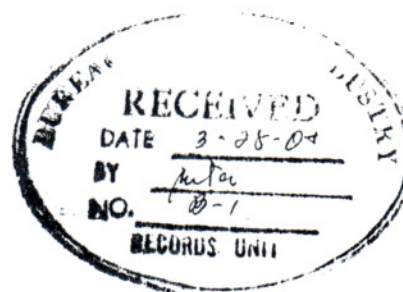




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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
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SUBJECT: CREATING A LIVESTOCK & POULTRY FARM ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Genetic Improvement Program, one of the major components of the *Ginintuang Masaganang Ani*- Livestock Program (GMA-LP), aims to improve the country's livestock & poultry breeder base;

WHEREAS, by virtue of Executive Order No. 292 otherwise known as the "Administrative Code of 1987", the **Department of Agriculture** is mandated to be responsible for the planning, formulation, execution, regulation and monitoring of programs and activities relating to agriculture, food production and supply while the **Bureau of Animal Industry** is mandated to formulate programs for the development and expansion of the livestock, poultry and dairy industries to meet the requirements of the growing populace;

WHEREAS, cognizant of the objective of sustaining superior and/or improved genetic makeup of our livestock & poultry, it is imperative that only accredited breeding farms should sell breeder stocks;

WHEREAS, in our bid to be globally competitive and address the export and global market, there is a need for tracing and identifying the source of animals;

WHEREAS, consistent with the provision of the Agriculture Fisheries Modernization Act (AFMA), private-led industries are recognized to propel economic growth in the livestock and poultry sector;

WHEREAS, the current tight budgetary situation of the government necessitates appropriate decentralization of functions to the Regional Field Units;

WHEREAS, there is a need to harmonize BAI's inter-division prerequisites in farm accreditation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **ARTHUR C. YAP**, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, do hereby order the following:

Section 1. Objectives

There is hereby created a Livestock & Poultry Farm Accreditation Program under the GMA-Livestock Program of the Department of Agriculture. The Program is geared to:

- a. Ensure sustainability of the genetic improvement program of the government;
- b. Provide mechanism for traceability and maintain quality standards, and
- c. Accredite farms for exports.

Section 2. Scope

Accreditation shall initially be established for swine, small ruminants, cattle, poultry (chicken & ducks), and eventually to all food animals, including dairy, and the water buffaloes (carabaos).

Section 3. Implementing Agencies

The Bureau of Animal Industry shall be the lead agency in the accreditation programs for swine, small ruminants, beef cattle and poultry. The National Dairy Authority shall be the lead agency in the dairy cattle accreditation, while the Philippine Carabao Center will be in-charge for the Water Buffalo accreditation.

Section 4. The Accreditation Program

4.1 Composition

The different livestock and poultry commodities shall have their own accreditation bodies, created and duly approved by the Secretary of Agriculture. This will be composed of an Accreditation Advisory Board, Technical Working Group and Secretariat. The DA Undersecretary for Livestock & Fisheries will be the Chairperson of the Accreditation Advisory Board, while the BAI Director will serve as the Vice Chair.

The members of the Accreditation Advisory Board shall be composed of representatives from the private associations/organization, Department of Agriculture-Regional Field Units and academe. The BAI shall serve as the Secretariat for all the livestock and poultry accreditation programs, except for the Dairy Cattle and Water Buffaloes, which shall be under the NDA and PCC, respectively.

4.2 Implementing Guidelines

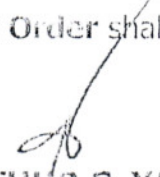
The different livestock and poultry commodity groupings shall develop and have their own accreditation guidelines, to be set by their respective Accreditation Boards, TWG and the Secretariat. Lead agencies or bureaus shall develop a mechanism for harmonized accreditation per (animal) commodity to include diseases and animal welfare concerns.

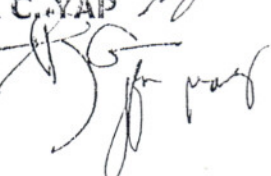
Section 5. Funding

A regular fund, which shall come from the GMA-LP budget, shall be allocated for the Livestock and Poultry Farm Accreditation Program. Proceeds from the accreditation program (application and accreditation fees) shall be deposited under the Philippine Livestock Promotion Fund (RA 1578) and shall be used to sustain the activities of the program such as conduct of advisory boards & consultative meetings, subject to the usual government accounting rules and regulations.

The Philippine Livestock Promotion Fund states that: "Sec. 9: (b) All fees, charges and other income derived from the operation of this ACT, shall accrue to the Philippine Livestock Promotion Fund as provided in Commonwealth Act Numbered One hundred and eighteen, as amended, and shall be deposited with the National Treasury to the credit of the said fund: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT EIGHTY PERCENT OF SAID INCOME SHALL BE SET ASIDE AND SPENT ONLY FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF SERVICES AND LABORATORY FACILITIES IN THE BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY NEEDED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT AND FOR TRAINING AND RESEARCH DIRECTLY RELEVANT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT."

This Order shall be in effect until revoked in writing.


ARTHUR C. YAP
Secretary


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