

## MEMORANDUM

**TO :** REGIONAL FIELD UNITS AND ALL CONCERNED

**FROM :** THE SECRETARY  
Department of Agriculture


**DATE :** July 21, 2008

**SUBJECT :** **ADVISORY ON THE PREVENTION, CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF CAPRINE ARTHRITIS ENCEPHALITIS (CAE) IN SHEEP AND GOATS**

In view of the increasing incidence of CAE, the following prevention, control and management procedures are hereby issued:

1. All sheep and goats (six (6) months and above) for breeding intended for transport shall be inspected and tested negative for CAE prior to issuance of shipping permit.
2. Testing shall be done at the Philippine Animal Health Center (PAHC) or at any of the Department of Agriculture (DA) - Regional Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratories (RADDL) capable of using ELISA Test: DA, RFU- RADDL II, III, VII, VIII and IX
3. Laboratory testing of animals for CAE in all the diagnostic laboratories of the DA shall be free of charge starting July, until December 2008 and fifty percent (50%) of the testing fee shall be subsidized by the Government from January 2009 to December 2009.
4. The test results will have a validity of 6 months and shall be used for single shipment only. Tests shall however be repeated if same animals shall be transported to another farm or locality
5. Should there be reactors on the animals tested, the following are hereby recommended to be undertaken by the farms where the positive animals originated:
  - a. Isolate kids after birth. They shall be raised in separate quarters from does and fed with:
    - i. cow's milk or milk replacer until weaning;
    - ii. milk from a healthy or CAE seronegative doe.
  - b. Test all kids at 6 months of age and periodically (semi-annually) thereafter to insure their seronegative status.
  - c. Identify and segregate seronegative from seropositive animals.
  - d. Cull seropositive animals. This is the best way of controlling the disease.
  - e. Disinfect common equipment used in the farm with phenolic or quarternary ammonium compounds as the need arises.

For your compliance.

  
**ARTHUR C. YAP**  
Secretary

