



25 July 2007

**MEMORANDUM**

To : **All DA-RFU REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

From : **HON. ARTHUR C. YAP**  
Secretary  
Department of Agriculture

Subject : **ADVISORY ON THE REPORTED SWINE DISEASE OUTBREAK**

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In view of the reported swine disease outbreak in Bulacan, you are hereby directed to carry out the following activities and measures to prevent the spread:

1. Advice Hog raisers to:
  - a. Dispose lethargic animals, carcasses, bedding, etc by burying or burning
  - b. Administer vaccine to apparently healthy pigs
  - c. Thoroughly clean and disinfect affected area
2. Conduct public information campaign to intensify implementation of biosecurity measures in the farms:
  - a. Avoid sourcing stocks from affected areas
  - b. Installation/ maintenance of footbaths and vehicle baths
  - c. Fumigation of vehicles and all materials on entry and exit points
  - d. Restriction of the entry of visitors
  - e. Prevent birds, rodents, flies control in the farm
  - f. Proper cleaning and disinfection e.g. use of appropriate disinfectant
  - g. Good hygiene and sanitation
    - Not to borrow or lend farm equipments, feeds
    - Never re-enter the pig houses after visiting the quarantine house
    - Immediately separate sick pigs from apparently healthy pigs
    - Assign specific personnel to take care of the healthy pigs
3. Report unusual high morbidity and mortality in pigs manifesting diarrhea, fever, abortion, respiratory illness for prompt epidemiological investigation and for the immediate response to appropriate control measures.
4. Use vaccine that is approved by the government. Do not vaccinate pregnant sows.
5. Submit samples for diagnosis to the BAI or to the nearest Regional Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (RADDL) for diagnosis.

6. Movement/ Transport of breeder hogs and for slaughter must be covered by appropriate Authority or Shipping Permit and will be checked/monitored at veterinary quarantine checkpoints. Sell and transport of sick or affected animals is strictly prohibited.
7. Coordinate with the Provincial, City and Municipal Veterinarians and Hog Farmer Associations for massive information campaign regarding this Advisory.



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Secretary