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SUBJECT : SMALL RUMINANT FARM ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Genetic Improvement Program (GIP), one of the major components of the Ginintuang Masaganang Ani Livestock Program (GMA-LP), aims to improve the country's livestock breeder base, sustain breeding operations by increasing reproductive efficiency, decrease mortality rate, increase finished weight and improve the meat eating quality;

WHEREAS, by virtue of Executive Order no. 292 otherwise known as the "Administrative Code of 1987". **The Department of Agriculture** is mandated with 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 a growing populace;

WHEREAS, cognizant of the objective of sustaining superior and/or improved genetic makeup of goat and sheep, it is imperative that only accredited breeding farms should be allowed to sell breeder stocks;

WHEREAS, among the livestock industries, the small ruminant industry is in most need of strengthening and further development;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, do hereby order the accreditation of small ruminants farms engaged in producing and selling breeder animals. To implement this task on a sustained basis, the following mechanism are hereby created:

Section 1. Objectives of the program

1. To identify, accredit and promote small ruminant breeder farms and multiplier farms with genetically-improved quality stocks to participate as input suppliers for government-financed or privately-financed projects that require accreditation, and
2. To develop the small ruminant industry by ensuring availability and widespread distribution of good quality breeder stocks.

Section 2. Creation of the Small Ruminant Farm Accreditation Program Board (SRFAPB), Regional Technical Working Group (RTWG) and Secretariat

There is hereby created in the Department of Agriculture, the Small Ruminant Farm Accreditation Program Board (SRFAPB), Regional Technical Working Group (RTWG) and Secretariat which shall be composed of the following:

1. SMALL RUMINANT FARM ACCREDITATION PROGRAM ADVISORY BOARD (SRFAPAB)

- Chairman - Director, Bureau of Animal Industry
Members - Official representative, Federation of Goat and Sheep Producers Association of the Philippines, Incorporated (FGASPAPI)
Official representative, Department of Agriculture's Small Ruminant Board
Official representative, Livestock Research Division, (PCARRD Chief of the Livestock Development Division of the Bureau of Animal Industry

Terms of Reference

The Small Ruminant Farm Accreditation Program Advisory Board shall provide the overall policy guidelines and over all direction of the Program; and approve plans and policies pertinent to its implementation. The Advisory Board Chairperson shall issue the accreditation certificate upon recommendation of the TWG involved and upon approval of the members of the Advisory Board.

2. REGIONAL TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (RTWG)

The Regional Technical Working Group shall be regionalized; to be composed of a representative from the Genetic Improvement Program Regional Coordinator; representative from the academe/state colleges and universities; representative of the Philippine College of Ruminant Practitioners, Incorporated; representative of the Livestock Development Division and a regional representative from the FGASPAPI.

Terms of Reference

The Technical Working Group is responsible for the actual evaluation of breeder farms and recommends measures/amendments on the criteria and procedures of accreditation as maybe necessary; provided that all amendments must be approved by the Advisory board. The accomplished evaluation form shall be forwarder to the members of the Rtwg can comprise the evaluation team.

3. SECRETARIAT

The Livestock Development Division of the Bureau of Animal Industry shall serve as the Secretariat for the Program.

Terms of Reference

The Secretariat sends notice of renewal to accredited farms and acts as repository of all data pertinent to the Program. The Secretariat also provides application forms to the Regional Technical Working Group and Small Ruminant Associations in the Region and conduct preliminary evaluation and schedules farm visit (farm evaluation) in coordination with the Regional Technical Working Group.

Section 3 . Details of Implementation

1. Legal Requirements

A Small Ruminant Farm must be registered business entity with SEC/DTI/EDD or should submit a Permit to Operate a Business issued by the Municipality/City.

2. Minimum Technical Requirements

A. Breeder Farm – produces purebred small ruminants

1. Certified pedigreed animals (specifying lineage/strains of the animals)
2. Complete livestock handling and weighing facilities and paddocks for segregating the animals into different groups
3. Farms must have at least three(3) hectares of improved pasture area. They should be improved, irrigated, fenced and divided into smaller paddocks for rotational grazing. If the operation is cut and carry, there should be sufficient improved pasture area to meet the daily roughage requirement of the animals
4. Should maintain the following minimum number of breeding animals per breed:
 - a. Purebred/Fullblood Female – 25 per breed (93.5% blood composition/purebred F4)
 - b. Purebred/Fullblood Male – 2 per breed (93.5% blood composition/purebred F4)
5. Certificate of Vaccination for Foot and Mouth Disease (for Luzon)
6. Must have a sound animal health program to include regular deworming and Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) vaccination for Luzon farms
7. Farms must be certified free from Caprine Arthritis Encephalitis (CAE) and Blue Tongue (BT). B.A.I. will conduct the laboratory test for CAE and BT

B. Multiplier Farm – produces crossbred small ruminant

1. Should maintain the following minimum number of breeding animals per breed:
 - * Crossbred/Upgraded Female – 25 per breed (50-87.5% blood composition)
 - * Purebred/Fullblood Male – 2 per breed (50-87.5% blood composition)
2. Complete livestock handling and weighing facilities and paddocks for segregating the animals into different groups
3. Farms must have at least one (1) hectare improved and irrigated pasture area, fenced and divided into smaller paddocks for rotational grazing that can accommodate twenty five (25) head goats & or sheep. If the operation is cut and carry, the area can accommodate fifty (50) head goats &/or sheep.
4. Certificate of Vaccination for Foot and Mouth Disease (for Luzon)
5. Must have a sound animal health program to include regular deworming and Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) vaccination for Luzon farms
6. Farms must be certified free from Caprine Arthritis Encephalitis (CAE) and Blue Tongue (BT). BAI will conduct the laboratory test for CAE and BT at the expense of the breeder.

3. Validity

Initial accreditation is valid for three (3) years; six (6) months prior to the expiration of the initial accreditation, the breeder and multiplier farm must be evaluated again by the RTWG.

Spot inspection maybe conducted by BAI or any member of the RTWG anytime within the period.

Accreditation maybe suspended/withheld/cancelled for failure to comply with the minimum technical requirements of this Order.

4. Feed

Application Fee: Non-refundable amount of Five hundred pesos (P500.00) upon submission of the application form

Evaluation Fee:

Accreditation Fee:

Classification	Initial Fee	Renewal Fee
Breeder Farm	10,000.00 per farm	5,000.00 per farm
Multiplier Farm	5,000.00 per farm	2,500.00 per farm

Accreditation fee to be paid by the applicant upon issuance of the Certificate of Accreditation by the Secretariat

Renewal fee to start on the third (3rd) year and every three (3) years thereafter

In carrying out the activities of Small Ruminant Farm Accreditation Program (SRFAP), the Department of Agriculture (DA) shall provide a Seed Fund for its initial operation through the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the DA and SRAB shall be executed to this effect.

Proceeds from the accreditation Program (application and accreditation fees) shall be deposited under the Philippine Livestock Promotion Fund (Sec. 9, RA 1578) and shall be used to sustain the activities of the program such as the conduct of advisory board and consultative meetings, subject to the usual government accounting rules and regulations.

5. Implementation and Monitoring

The FGASPAPI and the Regional Technical Working Group shall be responsible for the monitoring of the Accredited Small Ruminant Breeder and Multiplier Farms and provide the Bureau of Animal Industry with status reports on a monthly basis.

6. Procedures for Accreditation (30 days processing time)

- a. Applicant submits duly accomplished Application Form to the Secretariat or RTWG
- b. RTWG evaluates the application and then visits and evaluates the farm
- c. The RTWG recommends the findings/evaluation to the SRAB
- d. SRAB approves/disapproves the application
- e. Issuance of the Certificate of Accreditation by the Secretariat

This Order shall be in effect until revoked in writing.

DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN
Secretary