December 12, 2018

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

TO:

ALL IMPORTERS OF LIVE POULTRY

ALL VETERINARY QUARANTINE OFFICERS

SUBJECT:

UTILIZATION OF SPS IMPORT CLEARANCE/VETERINARY QUARANTINE

CLEARANCE TO IMPORT AND VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE OF LIVE

**POULTRY** 

WHEREAS, DA Administrative Order No. 9, series of 2010, provided that the SPS Import Clearance shall be good for one shipment and is not transferable to other persons;

WHEREAS, there are instances that the total number of poultry cannot be accommodated in one flight and may be off-loaded at country of origin to be shipped on the next available flight;

WHEREAS, there is a need to consider the welfare of the animals during the transport period;

NOW THEREFORE, I, EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, in accordance with the powers vested in me by law, do hereby issue this Memorandum Circular authorizing the utilization of SPS Import Clearance/Veterinary Quarantine Clearance to Import and Veterinary Health Certificate for live poultry for short-landed shipments provided that the following conditions are complied with:

 The batch of birds off-loaded on the first shipment shall arrive within three days after the arrival of the first batch of birds;

The off-loaded birds shall remain at the airport while waiting for the next available flight, as certified by the airline; and

3. The quarantine period shall only commence upon the arrival of the last bird in the approved quarantine site.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until revoked in writing.

EMMANUEL F. PINOL

Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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