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TO: PROVINCIAL VETERINARY OFFICES (PVOs), CITY VETERINARY OFFICES (CVOs), MUNICIPAL VETERINARY OFFICES (MVOs) and MUNICIPAL AGRICULTURE OFFICES (MAOs)

SUBJECT: REITERATION OF FOOD SAFETY MEASURES AND VETERINARY QUARANTINE PROCEDURES

In view of the reported increasing swine mortalities, all PVOs, CVOs, MVOs MAOs are reminded to continue implementing precautionary measures to ensure food safety and food security. As such, you are directed to be stringent in the implementation of the following measures:

Quarantine Control Measures

1. Prohibit the transportation of live animals, meat products and meat by-products unless accompanied by Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC) issued by a licensed veterinarian and Shipping Permit (SP) issued by Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) and its regional veterinary quarantine offices.
2. Set up quarantine checkpoints in all ingress and egress from your province and municipalities.
3. Report to BAI any unusual number of swine mortalities in your respective locality.
4. Educate swine farmers to observe Good Animal Husbandry Practices (GAHP) and biosecurity measures such as putting foot baths, regular disinfection of farms, vaccination and deworming.
5. Advise different backyard raisers not to feed food wastes/swill to hogs.

Food Safety Measures

1. All animals brought to the slaughterhouse should be checked for fever and signs of diseased conditions. Diseased animals shall be condemned and properly disposed as per BAI procedures.
2. All meat and meat by-products should be accompanied by NMIS or LGU Meat Inspection Certificate (MIC) issued by meat inspectors assigned in the slaughterhouse.
3. All meat vendors must display the MIC on their stall/s. Inability to show the MIC, the carcass/es shall be considered as hot meat and shall be confiscated, condemned and properly disposed as per BAI procedure.

4. Continuous and stricter monitoring of all NMIS Accredited Cold Storage Warehouses (CSWs) a non accredited and 100% inspection of arrivals of imported and local meat.
5. Closely monitor all NMIS accredited slaughterhouses and Locally Registered Meat Establishments (LRMEs).
6. NMIS Plant Officers and Deputized LGU Meat Inspection Officers are directed to strictly implement the "No Veterinary Health Certificate No Slaughter Policy".
7. All suspected animals will be put on "ON HOLD STATUS" and Municipal must be reported immediately to BAI Quarantine Office.
8. Memorandum issued to Provincial City and Municipal Veterinarians that all NMIS accredited meat establishments including LRMEs shall closely monitored by NMIS and the LGU Meat Inspection Service.
9. Deployment of LMIS Enforcement Teams to closely monitor all meat markets and outlets (public and private).

All other government and private stakeholders are enjoined to strictly enforce the above measures.

FOR STRICT COMPLIANCE.


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