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FOR: **PROVINCIAL VETERINARY OFFICES (PVOs), CITY VETERINARY OFFICES (CVOs), MUNICIPAL VETERINARY OFFICES (MVOs), PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURE OFFICE (PAOs) and MUNICIPAL AGRICULTURE OFFICES (MAOs)**

SUBJECT: **VETERINARY QUARANTINE MOVEMENT PROTOCOL AND REITERATION OF FOOD SAFETY MEASURES DURING ANIMAL DISEASE OUTBREAKS/EMERGENCIES**

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Pursuant to the issuance of **Department of Agriculture Administrative Order No. 04, series of 2019 (dated August 20, 2019) re: Reiteration of Food Safety Measures and Veterinary Quarantine Procedures**, which was issued due to the reported increasing swine mortalities in various municipalities, all Provincial, Municipal and City Veterinarians; Provincial and Municipal Agriculturists; as well as all Meat Inspection Officers, are hereby reminded to continue implementing precautionary measures to ensure food quality and safety to ensure general public health. As such, you are directed to be stringent in the implementation of the following measures:

**1. QUARANTINE CONTROL MEASURES**

The 1-7-10 Protocol is an effective and generic strategy to control the spread of any animal disease outbreaks. In case of any outbreak, the following areas will be identified and delineated for the immediate implementation of applicable quarantine measures listed herein:

1. The **Quarantine Zone** is an area set to contain the disease within 1 kilometer (km) radius from the index case (the first *barangay/s* tested positive for the disease). In this zone, the following will be applied:
  - 1.1. Mandatory test and destruction of all animals within the 1 km radius
  - 1.2. No movement of animals, meat and meat by-products to and from the quarantine zone
  
2. The **Surveillance Zone** is an area set within 7 km. radius intended to detect the extent of the infection through surveillance activities, disease reporting and limiting the movement of live animals, animal products and by-products. In this zone, the following will be applied:

- 2.1. Sample collection will be collected in each *barangay*. For backyard farmers, a total of 30 samples (whole blood and serum) will be collected randomly in every *barangay*. In case of commercial farms, 30 samples (whole blood and serum) will be collected randomly regardless of the age of the animal.
  - 2.2. Once *barangay* is declared clean and tested negative for the concerned swine diseases, animals may be moved for slaughter or to other areas outside the surveillance zone.
  - 2.3. Movement of live animals, animal products and by-products will be allowed only if prescribed BAI **Guidelines on the Transport of Local Movement of Swine, Pork, Pork Products and Pork By-Products outside Disease Outbreak Areas** have been satisfied.
    - 2.3.1. In relation to 2.3, any shipment with falsified, tampered or photocopied documents will be confiscated in animal quarantine checkpoints.
  - 2.4. If animals have been tested positive, immediate depopulation will be performed. This will be treated as another index case and another mapping of 1 km, 7 km and 10 km will be done from this area.
  - 2.5. Implementation of cleaning & disinfection at checkpoints, ports of entry and departure and other applicable biosecurity measures.
  - 2.6. Movement of vehicles, farm equipment and other implements/materials is permitted with implementation of appropriate biosecurity measures.
3. The **Control Zone** is an area set at 10 km radius intended to detect infection at an early stage through mandatory disease reporting. Animal, meat and meat by products are allowed to be moved in and out of the area provided it has satisfied all the requirements stated in 2.3 and 2.4.

## 2. FOOD SAFETY MEASURES

Instructions for the implementation of Food Safety Measures to manage, contain and control the spread of suspected Swine Diseases in slaughterhouses are contained the Memorandum Order No. 08-2019-463, dated 20 August 2019, by the National Meat Inspection Service.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

  
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