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MEMORANDUM ORDER

No.: 45
Series of 2021

Subject: **SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDELINE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 6, SERIES OF 2021, SECTION 7. RESTOCKING AND REPOPULATION, TO COVER ENTITIES AVAILING LOAN AND CREDIT PROGRAMS OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND GOVERNMENT-FINANCING INSTITUTIONS**

WHEREAS, Department of Agriculture (DA) Administrative Order (AO) No. 6, Series of 2021 with the subject "*Guidelines on the Implementation of the Recovery, Rehabilitation and Repopulation Assistance Program for ASF-Affected and Non-ASF Affected Areas*" provides the general procedures in the restocking of hogs in previously affected areas;

WHEREAS, pork producers prefer to avail of the various credit and loan facilities offered by the DA and Government Financing Institutions to restore their livelihood and recover from financial losses;

WHEREAS, there are private individuals, entrepreneurs, associations and cooperatives who want to establish new farms in red zones;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. DAR, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, do hereby order the following supplementary guidelines to cover farms availing loan and credit programs.

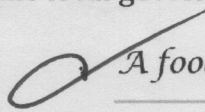
Section 7. Restocking and Repopulation

7.1 Minimum Requirements

- 7.1.1 Individual borrowers must be registered with RSBSA, while associations/cooperative borrowers should have at least 20% of their member registered
- 7.1.2 Must agree to regular farm visit for health monitoring, surveillance and biosecurity evaluation

7.2 Existing Farms in Red Zones

- 7.2.1 Applicant farm must submit documentary evidences that the farm applicant has never been affected by ASF since the beginning of the outbreak, in the area as certified by the local government veterinarian;


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- 7.2.2 Applicant farm must implement environmental swabs (1 week interval) within its farm premises and within the 500-meter radius where the farm is located following the sampling protocol indicated in the DA AO Nos. 6 and 7, under the supervision of the local government veterinarian;
- 7.2.3 Applicant farm should satisfy Biosecurity Level 1, as indicated in the DA Administrative Order No. 7, as certified by the local government veterinarian;
- 7.2.4 Applicant farm must submit a written letter, addressed to the Provincial Veterinary Office (PVO) copy furnished the Program Director of the National Livestock Program, expressing the interest to avail a loan program;
- 7.2.5 Applicant farm must have an up-to-date Business Permit and Mayor's Permit.

7.3 Physical Structures to be established in the Red Zone

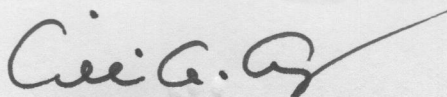
- 7.3.1 No certification from the Bureau of Animal Industry is needed for loan release for the purpose of construction of biosecure facilities provided that the location of farm to be established is in an area where there have been no recorded cases for more than 90 days.

7.4 Repopulation in the Newly-Built Farms in Red Zone

- 7.4.1 Proof (MOA/MOU/Contract) of engagement with private companies in the establishment, where applicable.
- 7.4.2 Prior to loading of animals into newly constructed biosecure facilities, bioassays will be conducted to validate absence of the virus in the facility and within the 500-meter radius where the farm is located, with the concurrence of the Local Government Unit veterinary authority.

This SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDELINE shall take effect immediately and supersedes any other Order inconsistent thereof.

Done this 9th day of August 2021.



WILLIAM D. DAR, PhD
Secretary



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