

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. <u>34</u>
Series of 2021

SUBIECT:

EXTENSION OF MORATORIUM ON THE CHARGING OF THE LABORATORY FEES FOR AVIAN INFLUENZA (AI) TEST REQUIRED FOR LOCAL TRANSPORT AND FARM CERTIFICATION BY THE ANIMAL DISEASE DIAGNOSIS AND REFERENCE LABORATORY (ADDRL) OF THE BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY (BAI) AND REGIONAL ANIMAL DISEASE DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORIES (RADDLS)

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture (DA) - BAI is tasked to implement AI Prevention and Control Program as the disease continues to be a threat to the poultry industry;

WHEREAS, DA Administrative Order (AO) No. 31, Series of 2020 was issued to extend a Moratorium on the charging of Laboratory fees for Avian Influenza Test by the ADDRL of the BAI and the RADDLs until December 31, 2021 only;

WHEREAS, the previous moratorium was issued to support and give ample time to all clients to register their poultry facilities and other poultry related facilities while strengthening AI surveillance and reporting;

WHEREAS, the DA continually supports and encourages our local poultry industry stakeholders to subject their poultry facilities to farm certification as required for transport purposes, in compliance to the Republic Act (RA) 8485 as amended by RA 10631 and DA AO No. 5 series of 2019;

NOW THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. DAR, Secretary of Agriculture, do hereby order the moratorium on the charging of the laboratory fees for AI test required for local transport and farm certification by the ADDRL and all RADDLs until **June 30, 2022.**

Issued this 29th day of December 2021, in Quezon City.

WILLIAM D. DAR, PhD.

Secretary

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