

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

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SUBJECT:

TRANSFER OF THE NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER ON PIG HUSBANDRY FROM THE AGRICULTURAL TRAINING INSTITUTE (ATI) TO THE BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY (BAI) AND RENAMING THE SAME AS THE NATIONAL SWINE RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTER

WHEREAS, on 20 March 1989 the International Training Center on Pig Husbandry was institutionalized as the National Training Center on Pig Husbandry (NTCPH) under the Department of Agriculture – Agriculture Training Institute, through Department of Agriculture Administrative Order No. 23, Series of 1989;

WHEREAS, in R.A. No. 8435, it is the declared policy of the State to promote food security and to enable those who belong to the agriculture and fisheries sectors to participate and share in the fruits of development and growth in a manner that utilizes the nation's resources in the most efficient and sustainable way possible;

WHEREAS, the swine industry is still suffering from the effects of the African Swine Fever, thus the conversion of the NTCPH to swine research and training center would be a great help on the recovery and development of the swine industry;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7 (c) and (d) of Executive Order No. 116, Series of 1987, it is the function of the Secretary to promulgate rules, regulations and other issuances necessary in carrying out the Department's mandate, objectives, policies, plans, programs, and projects and exercise supervision and control over all functions and activities of the Department;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 39, Chapter 8, Book IV of Executive Order No. 292, otherwise known as the "Administrative Code of 1987", the Secretary shall have supervision and control over the bureaus, offices, and agencies under him, subject to the guidelines provided;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. DAR, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, in the exigency of the service, do hereby order:

1. The transfer of the administrative and technical supervision of the National Training Center on Pig Husbandry in Marawoy, Lipa City, to the BAI to serve as the umbrella organization overseeing swine research and development.

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- 2. The facility shall be renamed as the National Swine Research and Training Center and shall have the following functions:
 - a) Serve as site of nucleus farms that shall maintain standard superior purebred swine breeds;
 - b) Conduct research and production of extended boar semen for the benefit of small and medium scale breeders;
 - c) Conduct research to enhance production performance of Philippine pigs, including development and packaging of relevant technologies such as frozen semen production;
 - d) Conduct continuing performance evaluation of swine breeds under Philippine conditions;
 - e) Support other related activities promoting good husbandry practices such as boar auction;
 - f) Collaborate and partner with state universities and colleges, other research institutions, both foreign and local, and the private sector to support research and technology development for the local hog sector;
 - g) Maintain a database of breeder swine in collaboration with the Swine Breeder Farm Accreditation Program of the BAI;
 - h) Support the engagement and implementation of relevant international and externally funded projects such as the Korean Traceability Project;
 - i) Support the trainings in advance production, management and breeding techniques, biosecurity, artificial insemination, and other activities related to swine production being conducted by the ATI; and
 - j) Such other functions as may be allowed by the Secretary of Agriculture.
- 3. That if any provision of this Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.
- 4. That all orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
- 5. That this Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in Quezon City, this 29th December 2021.

WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.

Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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