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SUBJECT: UPDATED GUIDELINES ON THE MOVEMENT OF LIVE POULTRY AND NON-POULTRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS AND BY-PRODUCTS DURING THE AVIAN INFLUENZA OUTBREAK

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture (DA) issued Memorandum Circular (MC) Nos. 5, 6, 12, 16, and 27 series of 2022 on February 24, 2022, March 7, 2022, April 6, 2022, May 11, 2022 and June 30, 2022, respectively, which provided guidance and movement restrictions in several poultry-related commodities across different regions in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, from June 10 to October 31, 2022, new confirmed cases of Avian Influenza (AI) Type A Subtype H5N1 were reported in the provinces of Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, Pangasinan, Isabela, Benguet, Kalinga, Pampanga, Nueva Ecija, Aurora, Bulacan, Laguna, Rizal, Quezon, South Cotabato, and Sultan Kudarat;

WHEREAS, to date, reported cases of AI AH5N1 have affected avian species such as ducks, native chickens, commercial chicken layers and broilers, gamefowls, quails, pigeons, pet birds, and turkeys;

WHEREAS, in relation to AI testing as part of the requirement for the movement of poultry and poultry products, the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) has issued MC No. 28 Series of 2022 "*Granting of authority to Private Laboratories to conduct Avian Influenza testing during outbreak for the purpose of transport/movement of poultry and poultry products except ducks*", to support in the influx of samples for AI testing in government laboratories;

WHEREAS, the BAI has issued MC No. 29 Series of 2022 "*Guidelines on the issuance of Certificate of Free Status on Avian Influenza Type A Subtypes H5 and H7 during Avian Influenza Outbreak*", to ensure supply chain continuity and local food sufficiency and to avoid confusion and different interpretations of the AI laboratory tests and facilitate unhampered delivery of safe poultry products and healthy avian species to target destination.

WHEREAS, Avian Influenza Protection Program details the surveillance plan for AI, conducted bi-annually, to provide supporting scientific evidence to our disease freedom as set by the World Organization for Animal Health, founded as OIE, which is a standard-setting body on all matters relating to animal health;

WHEREAS, to ensure supply chain continuity and local food sufficiency, the movement of different poultry-related commodities is allowed subject to existing guidelines based on disease status of various localities and/or regions, with provisions of additional safety measures to prevent the further spread of AI to the remaining disease-free areas in the country;

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the preceding, DA MC No. 27, series of 2022 is hereby amended to the following:

Commodity	Scope of Movement	Requirements for application of local shipping permit*	Validity of AI testing (for CFS-AI)
1. Day-Old-Chicks (DOC), Day-Old-Pullets (DOP), Hatching Eggs (HE), Ready-to-lay (RTL) <i>Domesticated species of chicken, turkey, guineafowl, quail, ostrich and other domesticated or farmed species under the Family Phasianidae (partridges, pheasants, peafowls, etc.) and Ratites (ostriches, emu, rheas, etc.) utilized for meat, egg, skin, feather, other products and by-products or for fancy.</i>	FROM provinces in AI-free Regions AND FROM AI-FREE provinces BUT within an AI-AFFECTED REGION to any destination	<u>Registered Farms/Facilities:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC) ▪ Animal Facility Registration (LTO as Animal facility/AWA Certificate) OR Animal Disease Monitoring Compliance Certificate (ADMCC/Farm Certification) ▪ Livestock Handler's License ▪ Registration of Transport Carrier ▪ DENR Local Transport Permit (for pet birds only) ▪ Certificate of Free Status-AI (CFS-AI) of source farm** <u>Non-registered Farms/Facilities:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC) ▪ Newcastle Disease (ND) Vaccination Certificate ▪ Livestock Handler's License ▪ Registration of Transport Carrier ▪ CFS-AI of source farm** 	<u>Registered Farms/Facilities:</u> Six (6) months from the time of sample collection <u>Non-registered Farms/Facilities:</u> ONE TIME SHIPMENT ONLY Twenty-eight (28) days from the time of collection
	FROM AI-AFFECTED provinces	<u>Registered Farms/Facilities:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC) ▪ Animal Facility Registration (LTO as Animal facility/AWA Certificate) OR Animal Disease Monitoring Compliance Certificate (ADMCC/Farm Certification) ▪ Livestock Handler's License ▪ Registration of Transport Carrier ▪ Certificate of Free Status-AI (CFS-AI) of source farm** <u>Non-registered Farms/Facilities:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC) ▪ Newcastle Disease (ND) Vaccination Certificate ▪ Livestock Handler's License ▪ Registration of Transport Carrier ▪ CFS-AI of source farm** 	<u>Registered Farms/Facilities:</u> From AI free municipality but outside 7 km: Ninety (90) days from the time of collection From AI free municipality but within 7 km: Twenty-eight days (28) days from the time of collection From AI affected municipality of AI affected province but outside 1 km: Twenty-eight days (28) days from the time of collection From AI affected municipality of AI affected province within 1 km:

			<p>Test and go</p> <p><u>Non-registered Farms/Facilities outside 1 km radius:</u></p> <p>ONE TIME SHIPMENT ONLY Twenty-eight (28) days from the time of collection</p>
2. Gamefowl	<p>FROM provinces in AI-free Regions</p> <p>AND</p> <p>FROM AI-FREE provinces BUT within an AI-AFFECTED REGION</p> <p>to any destination</p>	<p><u>Registered Farms/Facilities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC) ▪ Animal Facility Registration (LTO as Animal facility/AWA Certificate) OR Animal Disease Monitoring Compliance Certificate (ADMCC/Farm Certification) ▪ Livestock Handler's License ▪ Registration of Transport Carrier ▪ DENR Local Transport Permit (for pet birds only) ▪ Certificate of Free Status-AI (CFS-AI) of source farm** <p><u>Non-registered Farms/Facilities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC) ▪ Newcastle Disease (ND) Vaccination Certificate ▪ Livestock Handler's License ▪ Registration of Transport Carrier ▪ CFS-AI of source farm** 	<p><u>Registered Farms/Facilities:</u></p> <p>Six (6) months from the time of sample collection</p> <p><u>Non-registered Farms/Facilities:</u></p> <p>ONE TIME SHIPMENT ONLY Twenty-eight (28) days from the time of collection</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Newcastle Disease (ND) Vaccination Certificate ▪ Livestock Handler's License ▪ Registration of Transport Carrier ▪ CFS-AI of source farm** 	<p>Twenty-eight days (28) days from the time of collection</p> <p>From AI affected municipality of AI affected province within 1 km: Test and go</p> <p><u>Non-registered Farms/Facilities outside 1 km radius:</u></p> <p>ONE TIME SHIPMENT ONLY Twenty-eight (28) days from the time of collection</p>
<p>3. Pet birds</p> <p><i>All domesticated or captive-bred species of birds kept as pets, companion, collection, ornamental, exhibition or show purposes. These includes the Family of Parrots (lovebirds, budgerigar, cockatiel, ring-necked parakeets, parrots, cockatoos, macaws, etc.) Family Columbidae (doves and pigeons) and Passerines (finches, munias, canary, etc.).</i></p>	<p>FROM provinces in AI-free Regions</p> <p>AND</p> <p>FROM AI-FREE provinces BUT within an AI-AFFECTED REGION</p> <p>to any destination</p>	<p><u>Registered Farms/Facilities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC) ▪ Animal Facility Registration (LTO as Animal facility/AWA Certificate) OR Animal Disease Monitoring Compliance Certificate (ADMCC/Farm Certification) ▪ DENR Local Transport Permit ▪ Certificate of Free Status-AI (CFS-AI) of source farm** <p><u>Non-registered Farms/Facilities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC) ▪ Newcastle Disease (ND) Vaccination Certificate ▪ DENR Local Transport Permit ▪ Certificate of Free Status-AI (CFS-AI) of source farm** 	<p><u>Registered Farms/Facilities:</u> Six (6) months from the time of sample collection</p> <p><u>Non-registered Farms/Facilities:</u> ONE TIME SHIPMENT ONLY Twenty-eight (28) days from the time of collection</p>
	<p>FROM AI-AFFECTED provinces</p>	<p><u>Registered Farms/Facilities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC) ▪ Animal Facility Registration (LTO as Animal facility/AWA Certificate) OR Animal Disease Monitoring Compliance Certificate (ADMCC/Farm Certification) ▪ DENR Local Transport Permit ▪ Certificate of Free Status-AI (CFS-AI) of source farm** 	<p><u>Registered Farms/Facilities:</u></p> <p>From AI free municipality but outside 7 km: Ninety (90) days from the time of collection</p> <p>From AI free municipality but within 7 km:</p>

		<u>Non-registered Farms/Facilities:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC) ▪ Newcastle Disease (ND) Vaccination Certificate ▪ DENR Local Transport Permit ▪ Certificate of Free Status-AI (CFS-AI) of source farm** 	<p>Twenty-eight days (28) days from the time of collection</p> <p>From AI affected municipality of AI affected province but outside 1 km: Twenty-eight days (28) days from the time of collection</p> <p>From AI affected municipality of AI affected province within 1 km: Test and go</p> <p><u>Non-registered Farms/Facilities outside 1 km radius:</u></p> <p>ONE TIME SHIPMENT ONLY Twenty-eight (28) days from the time of collection</p>
<p>4. Ready-To-Lay and culled breeders</p> <p><i>Species of Family Anatidae (Mallard ducks, Muscovy ducks, geese, swan, and other waterfowl species) utilized for meat, egg, skin, feather, other products and by-products or for fancy.</i></p>	<p>FROM provinces in AI-free Regions to any destination</p>	<p><u>Registered Farms/Facilities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC) ▪ Animal Facility Registration (LTO as Animal facility/AWA Certificate) OR Animal Disease Monitoring Compliance Certificate (ADMCC/Farm Certification) ▪ Livestock Handler's License ▪ Registration of Transport Carrier ▪ Certificate of Free Status-AI (CFS-AI) of source farm** <p><u>Non-registered Farms/Facilities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC) ▪ Newcastle Disease (ND) Vaccination Certificate ▪ Livestock Handler's License ▪ Registration of Transport Carrier ▪ CFS-AI of source farm** 	<p>Two consecutive NEGATIVE AI TEST RESULTS taken at least two (2) weeks apart from the same flock. Validity will be taken from the 2nd test result.</p> <p><u>Registered Farms/Facilities:</u> Ninety (90) days from the time of collection</p> <p><u>Non-registered Farms/Facilities</u></p> <p>ONE TIME SHIPMENT ONLY Twenty-eight (28) days from the time of collection</p>
	<p>FROM AI-FREE provinces BUT within an AI-AFFECTED REGION to any destination</p>	<p><u>Registered Farms/Facilities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC) ▪ Animal Facility Registration (LTO as Animal facility/AWA Certificate) OR Animal Disease 	<p>Two consecutive NEGATIVE AI TEST RESULTS taken at least two (2) weeks apart from the same flock. Validity will</p>

		<p>Monitoring Compliance Certificate (ADMCC/Farm Certification)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Livestock Handler's License ▪ Registration of Transport Carrier ▪ Certificate of Free Status-AI (CFS-AI) of source farm** <p><u>Non-registered Farms/Facilities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC) ▪ Newcastle Disease (ND) Vaccination Certificate ▪ Livestock Handler's License ▪ Registration of Transport Carrier ▪ CFS-AI of source farm** 	<p>be taken from the 2nd test result.</p> <p><u>Registered Farms/Facilities:</u> Twenty-eight (28) days from the time of collection</p> <p><u>Non-registered Farms/Facilities</u> ONE TIME SHIPMENT ONLY Fourteen (14) days from the time of collection</p>
	FROM AI-AFFECTED provinces	<p><u>Registered Farms/Facilities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC) ▪ Animal Facility Registration (LTO as Animal facility/AWA Certificate) OR Animal Disease Monitoring Compliance Certificate (ADMCC/Farm Certification) ▪ Livestock Handler's License ▪ Registration of Transport Carrier ▪ Certificate of Free Status-AI (CFS-AI) of source farm** <p><u>Non-registered Farms/Facilities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC) ▪ Newcastle Disease (ND) Vaccination Certificate ▪ Livestock Handler's License ▪ Registration of Transport Carrier ▪ CFS-AI of source farm** 	<p>Two consecutive NEGATIVE AI TEST RESULTS taken at least two (2) weeks apart from the same flock. Validity will be taken from the 2nd test result.</p> <p><u>Registered Farms/Facilities:</u></p> <p>From AI free municipality but outside 7 km: Fourteen (14) days from the time of collection</p> <p>From AI free municipality but within 7 km: MOVEMENT NOT ALLOWED</p> <p>From AI affected municipality of AI affected province but outside 1 km: MOVEMENT NOT ALLOWED</p> <p>From AI affected municipality of AI affected province within 1 km: MOVEMENT NOT ALLOWED</p> <p><u>Non-registered Farms/Facilities:</u></p>

			MOVEMENT NOT ALLOWED
5. Racing Pigeons	<p>FROM AI-free provinces</p> <p><u>ONLY REGISTERED PIGEON CLUBS ARE ALLOWED TO TRAIN AND RACE.</u></p>	<p><u>Registered Pigeon Clubs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC) ▪ Pigeon Club Certification ▪ Animal Disease Monitoring Compliance Certificate ▪ Livestock Handler's License ▪ Registration of Transport Carrier ▪ CFS-AI of source farm** 	<p><u>Registered Pigeon Clubs:</u></p> <p>Six (6) months from the time of sample collection</p>
6. Table eggs, salted eggs, quail eggs and embryonated eggs	<p>FROM provinces in AI-free Regions</p> <p>AND</p> <p>FROM AI-FREE provinces BUT within an AI-AFFECTED REGION</p> <p>to any destination</p>	<p><u>Registered Farms/Facilities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Animal Facility Registration (LTO as Animal facility/AWA Certificate) OR Animal Disease Monitoring Compliance Certificate (ADMCC/Farm Certification) ▪ Livestock Handler's License ▪ Registration of Transport Carrier ▪ CFS-AI of source farm** <p><u>Non-registered Farms/Facilities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Livestock Handler's License ▪ Registration of Transport Carrier ▪ CFS-AI of source farm 	<p><u>Registered Farms/Facilities:</u></p> <p>Six (6) months from the time of sample collection - Table eggs/Salted eggs/Quail eggs</p> <p>Three (3) months from the time of sample collection - Embryonated eggs</p> <p><u>Non-registered Farms/Facilities:</u></p> <p>ONE TIME SHIPMENT ONLY</p> <p>Twenty-eight (28) days from the time of collection</p>
	<p>FROM AI-AFFECTED provinces</p>	<p><u>Registered Farms/Facilities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Animal Facility Registration (LTO as Animal facility/AWA Certificate) OR Animal Disease Monitoring Compliance Certificate (ADMCC/Farm Certification) ▪ Livestock Handler's License ▪ Registration of Transport Carrier ▪ CFS-AI of source farm** <p><u>Non-registered Farms/Facilities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Livestock Handler's License ▪ Registration of Transport Carrier ▪ CFS-AI of source farm 	<p><u>Registered Farms/Facilities:</u></p> <p>From AI free farms outside 1 km:</p> <p>Six (6) months from the time of sample collection - Table eggs/Salted eggs/Quail eggs</p> <p>Twenty-eight (28) days from the time of sample collection - Embryonated eggs</p> <p><u>Non-registered Farms/Facilities:</u></p> <p>ONE TIME SHIPMENT ONLY</p> <p>Twenty (28) days from the time of collection from the source farm</p>

*Requirements stipulated in DA Administrative Order No. 5, series of 2019 "*Guidelines on the Local Transport/Shipment of Animals, Animal Products and by-Products*"

**Certificate of Free status will not be required for AI free Regions with comprehensive surveillance data.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. Transshipment of **imported day-old chicks and hatching eggs** from international airports and seaports in Luzon and Mindanao to provinces in AI-free Regions is allowed;
2. Transshipment of **imported gamefowls** from international airports and seaports in Luzon to provinces in AI-free Regions is allowed;

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

1. GRAZING of ducks is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED** in all regions.
2. Cockfighting shall now be allowed in all provinces with no H5/H7 detection for the past 30 days.
3. Pigeon training and racing is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED** in **AI affected provinces**.
4. Operation of live bird markets in all affected provinces in Mainland Luzon and Mindanao will be **SUBJECT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT'S DISCRETION**.

ADDITIONAL MEASURES FOR TABLE EGGS, QUAIL EGGS, SALTED EGGS, EMBRYONATED EGGS/BALUT

1. Transport/Movement of table eggs, salted eggs, quail eggs, and embryonated eggs (*balut*) from affected provinces to non-affected provinces is allowed provided the following risk mitigation measures are applied:
 - a. For embryonated eggs, there must be monthly negative AI test result of source farm.
 - b. Embryonated eggs (*balut*) must be cleaned by the shipper/trader at the source farm **prior to departure** with acetic acid/vinegar at 1:10 dilution or any food grade disinfectant;
 - c. Prior to loading for shipment by air or sea, the closed van/vehicle containing the embryonated eggs (*balut*) must undergo **ultraviolet light disinfection** at the port of departure. The assigned Veterinary Quarantine Officer will issue certification that the vehicle has undergone ultraviolet light disinfection.
 - d. Embryonated eggs must be **immediately cooked at destination**. The Provincial Veterinary Office and BAI Regional Veterinary Quarantine Office will monitor compliance of the shipper/trader.
 - e. The table eggs, salted eggs, quail eggs and embryonated eggs must be transported in new or appropriately sanitized containers or egg trays.
2. To further strengthen the steps taken to ensure freedom of table eggs, quail eggs and embryonated eggs (*balut*) from any disease, and complement safety measures in place, destinations of the shipments to provinces in AI-free regions may add reasonable protocol such as physical audit of source farms, walk-through process on other food safety measures in place, inspection of arriving shipments and possible further disinfection of the shipment with food grade disinfectant.

LIVE POULTRY FOR SLAUGHTER/POULTRY MEAT

1. The transport of live poultry (broiler) and spent breeder hens/breeder culls/spent layer hens/spent quail layers for slaughter WITHIN Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao are allowed subject to DA Administrative Order (AO) No. 5 series of 2019 requirements. If the poultry for slaughter come from farms within a 1km quarantine area of the affected premises, birds must be tested negative for AI five (5) days before harvest. The shipment of spent hens/culls between major islands remains prohibited.
2. The transport of poultry meat is allowed provided that the shipment is accompanied by **Meat Inspection Certificate (MIC) for domestic meat products** or **Certificate of Meat Inspection (COMI) for imported meat products** issued by the NMIS along with a Shipping Permit issued by BAI.
3. As per RA 9296 as amended by RA 10536, "No person, firm, or corporation shall slaughter any food animal or prepare meat or meat product in any meat establishment, except in compliance with the requirements of the law", thus, poultry slaughtering activities in live bird markets, and wet markets shall strictly be prohibited. Penalties and sanctions shall apply.

POULTRY MANURE/DUNG

Transport of poultry manure is allowed provided there are attestations from Local Government Units veterinary offices that the manure is sourced from AI/ND free farms. Other requirements in the movement of poultry manure such as:

1. License to Operate as Animal Facility (previously known as Animal Welfare Certificate of Registration) OR Animal Disease Monitoring Compliance Certificate (previously known as Poultry Farm Certification) of source farm;
2. Veterinary Health Certificate with attestations that the source farm is free from AI and Newcastle Disease signed by farm veterinarian with concurrence from the LGU.
3. Other documentary requirements as written in DA AO 5 series of 2019.

All other provisions inconsistent with this Circular are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

This Circular shall take effect immediately and shall be fully enforced until revoked in writing.

Done this 9th of December 2022.

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