



Republic of the Philippines  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**  
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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

No. 44  
Series of 2022

**SUBJECT: REITERATION ON FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF ONLINE SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY IMPORT CLEARANCE FOR COMMERCIAL AND NON-COMMERCIAL GAMEFOWLS AND HATCHING EGGS**

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**WHEREAS**, Section 1770 of Act No. 2711 (Revised Administrative Code of 1917), which was adopted by incorporation together with Sections 1761-1769, in Section 5 of Act 3639 s.1930 (Charter of BAI) empowers the Department Head to issue a general order preventing the entry of animals, animal effects, parts or products from any country with dangerous communicable animal disease;


**WHEREAS**, the World Trade Organisation (WTO) recognizes the right of Member Countries to institute appropriate measures as it deems necessary for the protection of human and animal health. In this regard, the Philippines requires SPS Import Clearance (SPSIC) before import of said commodities and can also impose temporary import restrictions on live animals and animal products as necessary;

**WHEREAS**, the complete automation of SPSIC application and issuance for all live animals, genetic materials, animal products, animal by-products, veterinary drugs and biologics, feed and feed ingredients was effected in compliance with DA Memorandum Circular No.01 since October 2010;

**WHEREAS**, the processing and endorsement of the SPSIC application were reverted to the manual procedure in December 2016, and the Department reinstated the full online processing and electronic approval of SPSIC in February 2018 as per DA Memorandum Circular No.02 s.2018;

**WHEREAS**, to date, the processing of SPSIC for all commodities except for gamefowls is done through the Intercommerce Network Services (INS) platform, and this allows an efficient, transparent and convenient way for the delivery of frontline services;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the full implementation of online Sanitary and Phytosanitary Import Clearance for live animals, which includes the commercial and non-commercial gamefowls and hatching eggs, is hereby reiterated to ensure equitable implementation of DA Memorandum Circular No.02 s.2016. The requirements provided in BAI Memorandum Circular No.07 s.2016 shall apply.





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All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

This CIRCULAR shall take effect immediately.

Done this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022

**DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN**  
Senior Undersecretary



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