

ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR

No. <u>03</u> Series of 2023

SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF BÁBOLNA TETRA KFT. IN HUNGARY TO EXPORT DAY-OLD CHICKS AND HATCHING EGGS TO THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 10611, also known as the Food Safety Act of 2013, stipulates that the Department of Agriculture (DA) along with relevant national agencies, are responsible to strengthen the food safety regulatory system in the country to achieve economic growth and development by promoting fair trade practices and sound regulatory foundation for domestic and international trade;

WHEREAS, DA Memorandum Circular (MC) 12, Series of 2012, "Importation Procedures for Live Animals into the Philippines", mandates the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) and National Meat Inspection Services (NMIS) to set up a quarantine inspection system relative to international movement of animals together with their documentation and issuance of permit and commodity clearance pursuant to Section 5, Act No. 3639 and Section 26, Executive Order No. 338, Series of 2001, in order to prevent the entry of exotic diseases and the spread of endemic diseases in the country;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the DA - Administrative Order (AO) No. 9, Series of 2010, "Department of Agriculture Administrative Order No. 8, Series of 2009, as amended (DA AO No. 8, Series of 2009, "Rules and Regulations Governing the Importation of Agricultural and Fishery/Aquatic Products, Fertilizers, Pesticides and other Agricultural Chemical, Veterinary Drugs and Biological Products into the Philippines), the exporting company is registered/accredited by the concerned DA bureau or agency and is in "good standing";

WHEREAS, in 2019, the BAI conducted an ocular inspection of representative farms in Hungary to evaluate the biosecurity, animal health program, animal disease diagnostic capacity as well as husbandry practices implemented, in line with the initiative of Bábolna Tetra Kft to export. As such, DA Administrative Circular No. 10, Series of 2019 was issued to approve the company's exportation of Day-Old-Chicks (DOC) and Hatching Eggs (HE) to the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, Section X of DA AO No. 16, Series of 2006, provides that FMEs or countries accredited after the issuance of an AO (or AC) shall be audited two years from the approval of the accreditation and every three years thereafter;

WHEREAS, in 2022, the BAI conducted another ocular inspection of Bábolna Tetra Kft.'s source farm and hatchery for the renewal of their accreditation. The company complied with the standards provided in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH);



WHEREAS, the BAI – Pre-Inspection and Accreditation Review Committee (BAI-PARC) for Live Animals, Animal Feeds, Veterinary Drugs and Biologics has evaluated the results and findings of the inspection last 05 January 2023 and found no imminent risk to source DOCs and HEs from Bábolna Tetra Kft. in Hungary for export to the Philippines;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** this Circular is hereby issued to grant the renewal of Bábolna Tetra Kft. in Hungary for the export of DOCs and HEs to the Philippines;

Company	Facility	Address	Commodity	AHTN Code
Bábolna Tetra	Dr. Forgács	9651	Hatching Eggs	(HE)
Kft.	Barnabás	Uraiújfalu,	and	0407.11.10
	Genetikai	Kenderes-telep	Day-Old-Chicks	
	Kutatóegység	hrsz. 057/2		(DOC)
	Breeding Unit			0105.11.10
	(source farm)			0105.11.90
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	Bábolna Tetra	9651Uraiújfal,		
	Kft. Szarka	Kossuth utca,		
	Ferenc	hrsz 212/1	1	
	Keltetőüzem			
	(hatchery)		-	

The importation of DOCs and HEs from the listed farm in Hungary are subjected to existing veterinary quarantine rules and regulations.

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

Done this 20th day of January 2023.

**DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN** Senior Undersecretary

