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**SUBJECT : ADVISORY ON THE USE OF UNAUTHORIZED VACCINES AGAINST AVIAN INFLUENZA**

The Bureau of Animal Industry of the Department of Agriculture advises all concerned stakeholders that the adoption of targeted vaccination as a complementary tool to control avian influenza is still undergoing technical review. As of date, **NO AVIAN INFLUENZA VACCINE has been registered and authorized for use** in the country. Unauthorized vaccines did not undergo proper technical evaluation and there is no guarantee on its safety, quality, and efficacy. Therefore, the use of such unregulated vaccines may increase the risk of virus mutation, shedding, and further disease spread.

Moreover, considering the zoonotic potential of the virus, use of unregulated vaccines may pose a risk to public health.

Please be guided accordingly.

Signed this 17th of April 2023.

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