

SPECIAL ORDER
 NO. 1027
 Series of 2023

SUBJECT : CREATION OF AN INTER-AGENCY TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON VACCINATION AGAINST AFRICAN SWINE FEVER

African Swine Fever (ASF) remains a significant threat to the swine production sector of the Philippines since it was first reported in the last quarter of 2019. ASF outbreaks continue to be devastating in the most virulent forms and can be lethal in 100% of infected animals.

With the recent efforts in development of vaccines, and the ongoing vaccine trials and evaluations in the country, there is a need for systematic review of how vaccines and vaccination can be integrated into ASF control and prevention policy of the country. One that is based on a sound understanding of ASF epidemiology as well as social and economic impact of the disease.

In the event of vaccine availability, there is a need for an inclusive multi-disciplinary and multi-sectoral approach in determining how ASF vaccination should be implemented with due consideration on the benefits provided by and risks associated with the ASF vaccines and vaccination. Hence, an Inter-Agency Technical Working Group on Vaccination Against African Swine Fever (TWG on Vaccination Against ASF) is hereby created and shall be composed of the following:

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 Director, Bureau of Animal Industry

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(PCMVLP)

Secretariat: NATIONAL ASF PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROGRAM (NASFPCP)

The Technical Working Group shall perform all necessary functions, duties and responsibilities inherent to their designation, including but not limited to:

1. Discuss and study approaches to ASF vaccinology relative to ASF situation.
2. Provide technical advice to BAI relative to results of ASF vaccine trials being conducted in the country, with involvement from inception, progress and final outcome.
3. Prepare guidelines and protocol on the use of ASF vaccine including testing and movement of vaccinated animals in the country, among others for the approval of the Senior Undersecretary.



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The expenses to be incurred in the conduct of activities, such as, but not limited to workshop, meetings shall be chargeable to the funds allocated to the BAI-NASFPCP. Moreover, the travelling expenses and per diem incurred by the Inter-Agency TWG Members shall be chargeable to the regular funds of their respective offices subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force unless revoked in writing. All orders, memoranda, and issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 23rd day of August 2023.


DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN
Senior Undersecretary



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