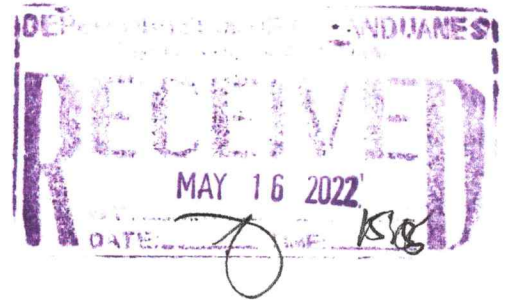




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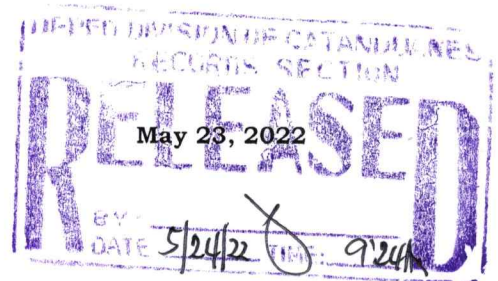
TO : ALL MUNICIPAL MAYORS
ALL MEMBERS, PROVINCIAL AVIAN INFLUENZA TASK FORCE
This Province

SUBJECT : Department of Agriculture Memorandum Circular No.16
Series of 2022 re: Updated Guidelines on the Movement of
Live Poultry and Non-Poultry Products and By-Products during
the Avian Influenza Outbreak.

DATE : May 12, 2022

Please find attached Department of Agriculture Memorandum Circular No. 16 Series of 2022 issued on May 11, 2022 by the DA Secretary, William D. Dar amending the DA-MC No. 12 Series of 2022 for your information, strict implementation and widest dissemination to all concerned.


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To: Public Schools District Supervisor and In-Charge of the Districts
Elementary and Secondary School Heads, and
All Other Concerned

For Information and dissemination


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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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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) No. 6 and 12 series of 2022 on March 7, 2022 and April 6, 2022, respectively, which provide guidance and movement restrictions in several poultry related commodities across different regions in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, as of April 29, 2022, confirmed cases of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) Subtype H5N1 and H5N8 were reported in the provinces of Bulacan, Pampanga, Nueva Ecija, Tarlac, Bataan, Laguna, Camarines Sur, Benguet, Sultan Kudarat, North Cotabato, South Cotabato, Davao del Sur, Maguindanao and Isabela;

WHEREAS, based on the evaluation of the outbreak cases of H5N1 and H5N8 over the last thirty (30) days, majority of the affected poultry species are ducks and quails;

WHEREAS, to ensure supply chain continuity and local food sufficiency, the movement of different poultry related commodities will be allowed subject to additional safety measures to prevent the further spread of HPAI to the remaining free areas in the country;

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, DA MC No. 12 series of 2022 is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. LIVE BIRDS (poultry and non-poultry)

1. The movement of the following live birds are allowed from Mainland Luzon (Region 1, 2, 3, 4A, 5, CAR) and affected cities/municipalities of Mindanao to any destination in the Philippines provided the laboratory requirements are complied:

Commodity	Particulars	Laboratory Tests
Day-old chicks (DOCs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Day-old broilers - for meat production◦ Day-old pullets - for egg production◦ Day-old breeders - for breeder stock production (GP/PS)	<p>Negative AI test results from its source farm.</p> <p>Validity of test results is twenty-eight (28) days from the date of sample collection.</p>



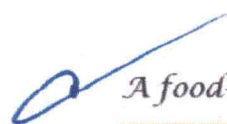
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Hatching eggs (HE)		Negative AI test results from its source farm. Validity of test results is fourteen (14) days from the date of sample collection.
Ready to Lay (RTL) Pullets		Negative AI test results from its source farm. Validity of test results is seven (7) days from the date of sample collection.

2. Movement restrictions will also be implemented for species such as ducks, quails, pigeons, and gamefowls for thirty (30) days. The following table provides further guidance regarding the movement of different poultry related commodities:

Commodity	Movement	Allowed/ Not allowed	Requirements	Validity of testing
Gamefowls	WITHIN Mainland Luzon (Region 1, 2, 3, 4A, 5, CAR)	Not allowed	Not applicable	Not applicable
	FROM Mainland Luzon and affected cities/ municipalities in Mindanao TO MIMAROPA, Visayas and non-affected cities/municipalities in Mindanao	Not allowed	Not applicable	Not applicable
	FROM MIMAROPA, Visayas and non-affected cities/municipalities in Mindanao TO any destination within the Philippines	Allowed *Transport/movement of gamefowls BACK to MIMAROPA, Visayas, and non-affected areas in Mindanao is prohibited	- Veterinary Health Certificate - Negative AI Test Result	Six (6) months.
Pigeons	WITHIN the country	Not allowed	Not applicable	Not applicable
Ducks	WITHIN Mainland Luzon and Mindanao (also refer to Item 3)	Not allowed	Not applicable	Not applicable



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	WITHIN MIMAROPA and VISAYAS and FROM MIMAROPA and Visayas TO Mainland Luzon and Mindanao	Allowed	- Veterinary Health Certificate - Two (2) Negative AI Test Results	Two consecutive NEGATIVE AI TEST RESULTS taken at least two (2) weeks apart from the same flock. Validity of the 2 nd test result shall only be for 2 weeks.
Quails	WITHIN Mainland Luzon (Region 1, 2, 3, 4A, 5, CAR) and Mindanao (Region 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, BARMM)	Not allowed	Not applicable	Not applicable
	FROM Mainland Luzon and Mindanao TO MIMAROPA and Visayas	Not allowed	Not applicable	Not applicable
	WITHIN MIMAROPA and Visayas	Allowed	- Veterinary Health Certificate - Negative AI Test Result	Samples must be taken across the flock within the last 6 months
	FROM MIMAROPA and Visayas TO Mainland Luzon and Mindanao	Allowed	- Veterinary Health Certificate - Negative AI Test Result	Samples must be taken across the flock within the last 6 months

3. Inter-regional movement of stranded grazing ducks due to the Avian Influenza outbreaks shall be allowed to move within Mindanao provided the following provisions will be complied with:
- Each proposed shipment of grazing ducks must be mutually agreed by both Local Government Units (LGU) and accompanied by a Certificate of Acceptance (CA) from the LGU of destination.
 - The CA must be enclosed in the application for BAI Local Shipping Permit
 - Prior to the issuance of CA, inspection of the grazing area at the destination must be conducted by the concerned LGU. The area must be isolated with no other poultry being raised within 500 meters.
 - The LGU of destination must be an AI free municipality/city.

- e. Ducks must have been tested negative twice (two weeks apart) for AI.
 - i. First blood sample collection shall be carried out at the source farm two weeks prior to shipment at the latest.
 - ii. Second blood sample collection shall be conducted in the destination farm within 7 days upon arrival (i.e. two weeks from the first date of collection.)
 - f. The farmer must be duly registered in the Registry System of Basic Sectors for Agriculture (RSBSA)
 - g. The inter-regional movement of ducks shall be underguarded by BAI Regional Veterinary Quarantine Officer/s to ensure that the ducks are bound to the declared destination site.
4. Intra-island movement and inter-island movement of DOC, HE and RTL are allowed provided that updated negative AI test results, within the past six (6) months from date of sample collection, and other regulatory requirements as per DA Administrative Order 5 series of 2019 are complied by the shipper. The table below provides further guidance to this item.

Commodity	Movement	Allowed/ Not allowed	Laboratory Requirements	Validity of testing
DOC, HE, RTL	Intra-island Movement: WITHIN Mainland Luzon and Mindanao (AI free cities/municipalities); MIMAROPA and VISAYAS	Allowed	Negative AI Test Results	Six (6) months from the date of sample collection
	Inter-island Movement: FROM MIMAROPA, Visayas, and Mindanao to any destination in the Philippines (Mainland Luzon, MIMAROPA, Visayas and Mindanao)	Allowed	Negative AI Test Results	Six (6) months from the date of sample collection

- 5. Transport/movement of pet birds (parakeet, dove, lovebirds etc.) across the country is prohibited for thirty (30) days.
- 6. Other related activities such as racing, flying, training, breeding, cockfighting and other related activities for pigeons and gamefowls will be continuously suspended for thirty (30) days.
- 7. Operation of live bird markets (e.g. spent hens, culled chicken etc.) in all affected provinces in mainland Luzon and Mindanao will be continuously suspended for thirty (30) days.

Exceptions:

- 1. Transshipment of **imported day-old chicks and hatching eggs** from international airports and seaports in Luzon and Mindanao to Region IV-B (MIMAROPA), Visayas and Mindanao is allowed;
- 2. Transshipment of **imported gamefowls** from international airports and seaports in Luzon to Region IV-B (MIMAROPA), Visayas and Mindanao is allowed;

B. EGGS (table eggs, salted eggs, quail eggs, embryonated eggs/balut)

1. Transport/Movement of table eggs, salted eggs, quail eggs and embryonated eggs (*balut*) from Mainland Luzon and affected cities/municipalities in Mindanao to MIMAROPA, Visayas and non-affected areas in Mindanao is allowed provided the following risk mitigation measures are applied:
 - a. 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;
 - b. 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.
 - c. 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.
 - d. 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 and embryonated eggs (*balut*) from any disease, and complement safety measures in place, destinations of table eggs and embryonated eggs (*balut*) shipments in MIMAROPA, Visayas and non-affected areas in Mindanao 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.

C. LIVE POULTRY FOR SLAUGHTER/POULTRY MEAT

The transport of live poultry for slaughter purposes is allowed provided necessary documentary requirements as per DA Administrative Order (AO) 5 series of 2019 are complied. If the poultry for slaughter is located in farms within 1km quarantine area from the affected premises, birds must be tested negative for AI five (5) days prior to harvest.

The transport of poultry meat from mainland Luzon and affected cities/municipalities in Mindanao to MIMAROPA, Visayas and non-affected areas in Mindanao shall be 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**. MIC or COMI will be issued by the NMIS along with the Shipping Permit issued by BAI.

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.

D. POULTRY MANURE/DUNG

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

1. BAI Certificate of Poultry Farm Accreditation or Certificate of registration/accreditation of source farm by the LGU Veterinarian;
2. Veterinary Health Certificate with attestations that the source farm is free from AI and Newcastle Disease
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.

Done this 11th day of May 2022.



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Secretary

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