



MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 32

Series of 2024

SUBJECT: REGIONAL GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ANIMAL QUARANTINE FACILITY IN CENTRAL LUZON (REGION III)

In support to the Department of Agriculture National Livestock Program (DA-NLP) Integrated National Swine Production Initiatives for Recovery and Expansion (INSPIRE) Program, the DA-RF03 Livestock Program implements the creation of Animal Quarantine Facility in the Provinces of Central Luzon.

Section I. Definition of Terms

Animal – refers to vertebrate and invertebrate species, whether domestic or wild (exotic or indigenous) animals which may be food producing, companion, aquatic, laboratory, including birds, worms, bees, and butterflies. The term excludes humans and non-mammalian aquatic species.

Animal Facility – any structure for the confinement of animals where they are bred, treated, maintained, or kept either for sale or trade, training, or transport.

Disease – refers to the impairment of the normal state of living animals, and is manifested by clinical signs.

Quarantine – refers to isolation and observation of an animal within a period to prevent the spread of disease.

Section II Rationale and Project Description

The DA-NLP launched the INSPIRE Program to implement calibrated repopulation and enhancement of the local swine industry to recover the sector's capacity to produce sufficient supply of hogs and pork in 2020 due to African Swine Fever (ASF) outbreaks.

The program also implements biosecurity plans anchored to the Bantay ASF sa Barangay or BABay ASF program with the aim at instituting biosecurity and disease control measures with strong collaboration between the Department of Agriculture, its relevant agencies, with concerned Local Government Units (LGU), and stakeholders.

The establishment of Animal Quarantine Facility in the Provinces of Central Luzon aims to protect the borders in the entry of animal diseases such as ASF.

This Project, therefore, offers great advantages and benefits to the swine farmers in Central Luzon as there are still occurrences of ASF in the region. It is also seen to promote biosecurity in the region as animals will be put into isolation before distribution.

Section III Objectives

These guidelines aim to ensure the effective, efficient, and timely implementation of Animal Quarantine Facility in Central Luzon. It shall provide procedures to facilitate the proper implementation of the project.

Section IV Responsibilities

A. Provincial Local Government Units (PLGUs):

- a. Facilitate the operation and maintenance of the Animal Quarantine Facility following the Parameters and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI);
- b. Collect corresponding quarantine fee for the maintenance of the facility;
- c. Enter into a MOA with the DA RFO III

B. Department of Agriculture Regional Field Office III (DA RFOIII):

- a. Assist the PLGU in complying documentary requirements needed
- b. Assist in the preparation, planning, implementation, and supervision of the project;
- c. Responsible in the procurement of the project components
- d. Enter into a MOA with the PLGU

C. Regional Veterinary Quarantine Services Section (RVQS):

- a. Assist the PLGUs in the operation and regulations of the animal quarantine facility.

Section V Project Package

The Department of Agriculture will provide Ten Million (Php10,000,000) for each unit of the Animal Quarantine Facility.

1. The establishment of a Bio-secure Facility (inclusive of the perimeter fence, climate-controlled or conventional animal house, waste management, basic farm equipment, office, shower area, feed bodega) in a minimum land area of 2,000 square meters and 1km away from other animal facilities as per DA Administrative Order No. 4 Series of 2004. However, exceptions may apply depending on the local laws and regulations.
2. The Facilities will be operated by solar-power with minimal support with generator set or electrical connection.

Section VI Requirements

A. Requirements for Application

1. Letter of Intent
2. Project Proposal
3. No existing unliquidated funds from the DA
4. Latest geotagged photos of the proposed area

B. Requirements for MOA Signing

1. Approved Project Proposal
2. Board Resolution Authorizing the Head/Representative to Enter into MOA or any Document that gives Authority to the Head/ Representative to enter into MOA
3. Proof of Land Ownership: Land title/ tax declaration/ usufruct
4. Compliance of proposed location with Local zoning other regulations
5. Approved Environmental Compliance Certificate

Section VII Project Activities

Activity	Procedure	Responsible	Time Frame
Submission and Review	1. Submit documents to DA-RFO	PLGU (PVO)	1 day
	2. Review of submitted documents	DA-RFO III	2 days
	3. Revise proposal as deemed necessary	PLGU (PVO)	3 days

Validation	1. On-site validation of the project	DA-RFO III and PLGU	1 day
Approval of the Proposal	2. Approve project proposal	DA-RFO III	5 days
Preparation and MOA Signing	3. Prepare, discuss and agree on the provisions of the MOA	DA-RFO III and PLGU	30 days
	4. MOA Signing	DA-RFO III and PLGU	5 days
Project Implementation	5. Procurement and establishment of facilities	DA-RFO III	120 days
	6. Weekly monitoring and inspection of construction of building/facility from start to completion	DA-RFO III	
	7. Testing		
	8. Submission of quarterly reports	PLGU	

This **Order** shall take effect immediately and shall remain enforced unless revoked in writing. All orders inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 23rd day of July 2024.


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