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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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TO : ALL CONCERNED
VETERINARY QUARANTINE OFFICERS

FROM : THE OFFICER IN CHARGE, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF SHIPPING PERMIT FOR UNCOOKED, PROCESSED MEAT AND GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DOH-FDA AND DA-NMIS JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR NO. 2 S. 2016 "TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS IN THE REGULATION OF PROCESSED MEAT"

Pursuant to Section 39 of Republic Act No. 10611 (2013) and Rules 39.3 (d) and 39.3 (e) of the Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR) which directs the efficient and orderly transfer of the functions, duties and responsibilities over cooked, processed meat from DA-NMIS to DOH-FDA, the following guidelines are hereby issued:

1. **EFFECTIVITY.** The official transfer of the jurisdiction over cooked, processed meat from DA-NMIS to DOH-FDA shall commence on **July 25, 2016**.
2. **PUBLIC ORIENTATION.** A series of clustered Public Orientation shall be conducted by DA-NMIS with the participation of DOH-FDA and DA-BAI from July 20 to 29, 2016 in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao to provide guidance to all concerned, affected internal and external stakeholders, to ensure smooth and orderly transfer of jurisdiction in order not to hamper trade in meat products.
3. **ISSUANCE OF SHIPPING PERMIT FOR UNCOOKED, PROCESSED MEAT.**
DA-BAI will no longer issue shipping permit for cooked, processed meat effective July 25, 2016.

Shipping permit for **uncooked, processed meat** (such as tocino, tapa, longanisa, burger patties and other products) will continue to be under the jurisdiction of the **DA-BAI**.

Requirement for issuance of shipping permit for uncooked, processed meat will be the **license to operate (LTO)** of the meat establishments.

LTOs that have been issued previously by DA-NMIS will be accepted until its validity period. When the validity of the DA-NMIS-issued LTOs has expired, the new license to operate of the meat establishments shall be issued by DOH-FDA.

For strict compliance.

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