

**[BAI ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 04, s. 2007,
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**IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SMALL
RUMINANT BREEDER FARM ACCREDITATION PROGRAM
(SRBFAP)**

**ARTICLE I
TITLE, OBJECTIVES AND DEFINITION OF TERMS**

SECTION 1. Title - This Administrative Order shall be known as the "Rules and Regulations Implementing the DA Administrative Order No. 34, series of 2005."

SECTION 2. Objectives - The following Rules and Regulations are hereby adopted, promulgated and issued to carry out the provisions of the said AO and specifically:

- a. To identify, accredit and promote small ruminant breeder farms with genetically-improved quality stocks.
- b. To develop the small ruminant industry by ensuring availability and widespread distribution of good quality **and welfare friendly** breeder stocks.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms - Unless otherwise provided, the following terms shall mean:

- a. AO shall refer to the "*Administrative Order*" issued by the Department of Agriculture.
- b. BAI shall refer to the "*Bureau of Animal Industry*", an attached agency of the DA mandated to formulate programs for the development and expansion of the livestock, poultry and dairy industries to meet the requirements of a growing populace.
- c. BT shall refer to "*Blue Tongue*", a viral disease of sheep, wild ruminants and rarely cattle, goats and carnivores biologically transmitted between ruminants by arthropods.
- d. CAE refer to "*Carpine Arthritis Encephalitis*", a viral disease manifested clinically as polyarthritis in adult goats and less commonly as progressive paresis (leukoencephalomyelitis) in kids usually transmitted via virus-infected colostrum.

- e. *DA* shall refer to the "*Department of Agriculture*", mandated with the planning, formulation, execution, regulation and monitoring of programs and activities relating to agriculture, food production and supply.
- f. *CDMU* shall refer to the Central Data Management Unit.
- g. *DTI* shall refer to the "*Department of Trade and Industry*", a government agency tasked with the registration and licensing of single-proprietorship company (ies).
- h. *FGASPAPI* shall refer to the "*Federation of Goat and Sheep Producers Association of the Philippines, Incorporated*", duly registered and recognized organization of goat and sheep raisers and producers.
- i. *FMD* shall refer to "*Foot-and-Mouth Disease*", a highly infectious viral disease of cattle, pigs, sheep, goats, buffalo and artiodactyl wildlife species characterized by fever, vesicles in the mouth and on the muzzle, teats and feet and death in young animals transmitted by contact between susceptible and infected animals.
- j. *GIP* shall refer to the "*Genetic Improvement Program*" one of the major components of the GMA-LP, aims to improve the country's livestock breeder base, sustain breeding operations by increasing reproductive efficiency decrease mortality rate, increase finished weight and improve the meat eating quality.
- k. *GMA - LP* shall refer to the "*Ginintuang Masaganang Ani-Livestock Program*", a banner program of the DA.
- l. *IRR* shall refer to the "*Implementing Rules and Regulations*", a set of legal documents that pertains to the execution of certain AOs of the DA.
- m. *LDD* shall refer to the "*Livestock Development Division*" of BAI whose mission is to develop and promote livestock and poultry production and post-production technologies that ensure high quality, affordable and safe products.
- n. *LDC* shall refer to the "*Livestock Development Council*", an attached agency of the DA.
- o. *MOA* shall refer to "*Memorandum of Agreement*", a legal document that binds two (2) or more parties towards the attainment of a certain goal.
- p. *NS* shall refer to the "*National Secretariat*" of the SRFAP.
- q. *PCARRD* shall refer to the "Philippine Council for Agriculture Forestry National Resources Research and Development" an attached agency of the Department of Science and Technology.
- r. *PCRPI* shall refer to the "*Philippine College of Ruminant Practitioners, Incorporated*", duly registered association composed of registered veterinarians practicing in the field of large and small ruminants.

- s. *RA* shall refer to "Republic Act", a duly approved and enacted law by the Senate of the Philippines.
- t. *RTWG* shall refer to the "*Regional Technical Working Group*" of the SRFAP.
- u. *SR* shall refer to "*Small Ruminants*", collective term for goats and sheep.
- v. *SRFAP* shall refer to the "*Small Ruminant Farm Accreditation Program*" of the DA.
- w. *SRFAPAB* shall refer to the "*Small Ruminant Farm Accreditation Program Advisory Board*".
- x. *SEC* shall refer to the "*Securities and Exchange Commission*", a government entity tasked with the registration and licensing of corporations.
- y. *TB* shall refer to "Tuberculosis", an infectious, granulomatous disease caused by acid-fast bacilli of the genus *Mycobacterium* commonly defined as a chronic, debilitating disease and transmissible by the inhalation of infected droplets expelled from infected lungs.

ARTICLE II

COMPOSITION OF THE SRBFAPAB, RTWG AND NS

SECTION 4. Composition of the SRBFAPAB - The SRBFAPAB shall be composed of the following:

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| Chairperson | - Director, Bureau of Animal Industry |
| Members | - Official Representative, Livestock Development Council |
| | - Official Representative, Federation of Goat and Sheep Producers Association of the Philippines, Incorporated (FGASPAPI) |
| | - Official Representative, Small Ruminant Board |
| | - Official Representative, Philippine Council for Agriculture Resources Research and Development (PCARRD) |

SECTION 5. Terms of Reference - The following shall be the terms of reference of the SRBFAPAB:

- a. The SRBFAPAB shall provide the overall policy guidelines and overall direction of the Program and approve plans and policies pertinent to its implementation.
- b. The Advisory Board Chairperson shall issue the accreditation certificate upon recommendation of the RTWG and upon approval of the members of the Advisory Board.

- c. The Board shall avail of the services of a Geneticist.

SECTION 6. Composition of the RTWG - The RTWG shall be composed of the following:

- a. GIP Regional Coordinator or representative
- b. Representative from the academe/state colleges and universities
- c. Representative of the PCRPI
- d. Representative from the Provincial Veterinary Office where the farm is located

SECTION 7. Terms of Reference - The following shall be the terms of reference of the RTWG:

- a. The Regional Technical Working Group is responsible for the actual evaluation of breeder farms
- b. The accomplished evaluation form shall be forwarded to the National Secretariat for final evaluation by the Advisory Board.
- c. The RTWG shall submit quarterly reports to the National Secretariat
- d. Any three (3) members of the RTWG can comprise the evaluation team.

SECTION 8. Composition of the NS - The Livestock Development Division of the Bureau of Animal Industry shall serve as the National Secretariat for the program.

SECTION 9. Terms of Reference - The following shall be the terms of reference of the NS:

- a. The NS provides application forms to the RTWG and SR Associations
- b. Conducts preliminary evaluation of the applicant and schedules farm visit in coordination with the RTWG.
- c. Sends notice of renewal to accredited farms and acts as repository of all data pertinent to the program
- d. The NS shall acknowledge quarterly reports from the RTWG.

ARTICLE III

DETAILS OF IMPLEMENTATION

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS, MINIMUM TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

SECTION 10. Legal Requirements - A Small Ruminant Breeder Farm must have permit to operate a business issued by the Municipality/City (**a registration on Animal Welfare shall be required pursuant to DILG Memorandum 2005-01**). This assumes that the business is registered with DTI if it is a single proprietorship or SEC if it is a corporation.