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**IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES ON THE ACCREDITATION OF  
SWINE BREEDING FARMS**

In support to the Swine Genetic Improvement Program, these guidelines on the accreditation of Swine Breeding farms are hereby issued.

**I. OBJECTIVES**

1. To identify, accredit and promote swine farms with improved genetics and quality breeders; and
2. To sustain the advanced status of the swine industry by ensuring availability and distribution of good quality breeder stocks, particularly among backyard farmers.

**II. CRITERIA FOR ACCREDITATION**

1. Legal Requirements — The swine farms must be a registered business entity with permit to operate.
2. Technical Requirements — The swine farms must have:
  - 2a. Facilities for testing and identification of genetically superior pigs.
    - Testing pen (minimum of 25 test pens with 1-5 animals per pen)
    - Backfat tester or lean meter
  - 2b. Records specifying lineage of the animals (lines/strains used), average daily gain, and feed conversion ratio.
  - 2c. Pedigree and a certificate of vaccination for Foot and Mouth Disease and Hog Cholera of all animals sold.

For breeder farms producing purebreds, the farms should maintain the following minimum number of breeding animals per breed:

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| • Female - 50 per breed | • Male - 10 per breed |
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For multiplier or breeder farms producing crossbreeds, the farms should source their breeder stocks from accredited purebred producers or franchise holders of reputable hybrids.

**III. ORGANIZATION/MANAGEMENT/GOVERNMENT SUPPORT**