

**[BAI ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 28, S. 2003,
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**GUIDELINES ON THE MOVEMENT AND SLAUGHTER OF SWINE
AND OTHER FMD SUSCEPTIBLE FOOD ANIMALS**

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WHEREAS, Foot and Mouth Disease eradication could be achieved through strengthening, intensifying and ensuring appropriate measures to control the disease;

WHEREAS, the OIE (World Organization for Animal Health) accreditation requires that swine and other FMD susceptible food animals from FMD free areas are not vaccinated, hence, said animals are highly susceptible to FMD infection;

WHEREAS, the slaughtering of swine and other FMD susceptible food animals into meat requires the availability of slaughterhouse facilities, such that the process shall require the efficiency of slaughtering procedure, hygiene and sanitation, as well as handling and storage of final products;

WHEREAS, the movement and slaughtering of swine and other FMD susceptible food animals require adequate facilities and set of operating procedures to ensure the control and to prevent subsequent spread of FMD;

NOW THEREFORE, I, LUIS P. LORENZO JR., Secretary of Agriculture pursuant to Section 1765 (a) and (b) of the revised Administrative Code of 1917, do hereby issue this Order;

SECTION 1. Farm to Slaughterhouse Movement

1.1 Food Animals for slaughter shall be moved out of farms directly to the slaughterhouse. To facilitate transport, the following documents shall be required and must be presented upon demand by government regulatory officers.

1.1.1 Livestock Handlers License (LHL)

The Livestock Handler's License issued by the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) director and his duly assigned representative shall be presented before a livestock trader could apply for the required permits. If unlicensed, he shall be required to apply for the license

at the BAI of the department of Agriculture regional Field Unit (DARFU).

1.1.2 Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC)

Any licensed veterinarian may issue the veterinary health certificate. The VHC is a document, (issued at the farm) that certifies the health status of an animal and its source. The original VHC shall accompany the animal in every stage of its transport from the farm to its final destination and must be presented upon demand to proper authorities at anytime.

The certificate must clearly contain for the following information:

- > name of the certifying veterinarian and his updated PRC License number
- > date and time of inspection
- > name of the farm and its owner
- > Official seal of the farm (if there is any)
- > Address of the farm
- > number of animals inspected
- > destination of animals
- > remarks as to the general health condition of animals/vaccination history
- > Purpose of transfer on movement (e.g. for slaughter; for fattening)

The VHC is a requirement prior to obtaining the Shipping Permit.

1.1.3 Issuance of Shipping Permits (SP)

1.1.3.1 Only Veterinary Quarantine Officers deputed by the Secretary of the department of Agriculture are authorized to issue the shipping permit.

1.1.3.2 Only slaughter animals with ready buyers (accompanied by proof of sale such as sales contract, deed of sale, invoice) shall sign an agreement complying to the regulations on movements of animals shall be transported and/or shipped out farms.

1.1.4 PNP Clearance to Ship/Transport Large Animals (Cattle and Carabao)

The required PNP clearance to ship/transport large

animals shall also be secured.

- 1.2 Livestock traders and handlers shall transport FMD susceptible food animals only when there are ready buyers to ensure that animals are immediately slaughtered.
- 1.3 Veterinary Quarantine Officers shall ensure that livestock traders and handlers are fully aware of the regulations regarding movement of FMD susceptible food animals particularly on the requirement of slaughter within twenty-four (24) hours from arrival in slaughterhouses.
- 1.4 The keeping of FMD susceptible food animals in the stockyards shall only be allowed with the establishment of facilities for the purpose as duly authorized by the BAI director. Only FMD susceptible food animals from FMD- Free Areas shall be allowed in the stockyard.
- 1.5 For animals shipped from FMD-Free areas, the following procedure shall be followed:
 - 1.5.1 Upon arrival of the animals at the port or at the stockyard, the Quarantine Officers assigned thereat shall perform the regular and routine inspection of animals including the checking of documents, after which he shall then issue the Quarantine Inspection Clearance (QIC) clearly indicating the destined slaughterhouse and the date and time arrival.
 - 1.5.2 Cattle intended for fattening or breeding shall be moved out of the ports within 24 hours and vaccinated during the quarantine period at the farm of the destination;
 - 1.5.3 Arriving animals at the ports without shipping permit are illegal and shall be confiscated or shall be slaughtered immediately at the expense of the owner with revocation of the livestock handler's license with appropriate sanctions;
 - 1.5.4 Shipping companies should only allow livestock shipment with proper documents;
 - 1.5.5 Shipping companies that allow shipment of animals without documents shall be penalized.

SECTION 2. Acceptance of Swine and other FMD susceptible Animals in Slaughterhouses