



Office of the Provincial Governor

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. BPE-04-009, SERIES OF 2022

AN ORDER REGULATING THE ENTRY AND MOVEMENT OF ALL LIVE POULTRY, POULTRY-RELATED PRODUCTS AND BY-PRODUCTS INTO THE PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR AND ESTABLISHING AVIAN INFLUENZA (AI) PREVENTION AND CONTROL MEASURES

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture (DA) through the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) has confirmed the detection of Avian Influenza Type A Subtype H5N1 in duck farms in the Municipality of Baliuag in Bulacan and quail farms in the Municipalities of Candaba and Mexico in Pampanga;

WHEREAS, in the subsequent conduct and surveillance activities within the 1-km quarantine area and disease investigation as part of trace back/trace forward monitoring additional cases of Avian Influenza Type A Subtype H5N1 were confirmed in Minalin, Pampanga; Victoria, Laguna; and Bula and Sipocot, Camarines Sur;

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2022, the Department of Agriculture (DA) issued Memorandum Circular No. 06, series of 2022 which provides the Guidelines on the Movement of Domestic and Captured Wild (ornamental) Birds and Poultry Products and By-Products during the Avian Influenza Outbreak;

WHEREAS, Avian Influenza is a highly contagious viral disease caused by any Influenza A virus affecting several species of food producing birds (chicken, turkeys, quails, guinea fowl, etc.) as well as pet birds and wild birds;

WHEREAS, there is a need to protect the poultry industry of the province of Eastern Samar and the general public from the effects of Avian Influenza;

NOW, THEREFORE I, BEN P. EVARDONE, Governor of the Province of Eastern Samar, by virtue of the powers and authority vested in me under Section 16, in relation to Section 465 (b) (2) (iii) of the Local Government Code of 1991, do hereby order the implementation of the following to wit:

SECTION 1. ENTRY OF LIVE POULTRY ANIMALS. Temporary ban on entry of all live poultry and/or wild birds, including day-old chicks, day-old pullets, hatching eggs, ready to lay pullets, ducks and quails from Mainland Luzon (Regions 1, 2, 3, 4A, 5 and Cordillera Administrative Region), to the province of Eastern Samar for a period of forty-five (45) calendar days. Entry of all live poultry and or wild birds, including day-old chicks, day-old pullets, hatching eggs, ready to lay pullets, ducks and quails from Visayas and Mindanao is allowed, subject to the compliance of the following conditions and documentary references:

1. Certificate of Farm Registration with DA-BAI;
2. Certificate of Avian Influenza Negative Test Result /or Certificate of Avian Influenza Free Status;

3. Veterinary Health Certificate issued a duly licensed farm veterinarian from the sourced farm, concurred by the city/municipal/provincial veterinarian with contact numbers (single destination per document)
4. Veterinary Shipping Permit (single destination per document);
5. Livestock Handler's Certificate of Registration;
6. Livestock Transport Carrier Certificate of Registration; and
7. Disinfection Certificate from the farm source, quarantine exit and entry points

SECTION 2. ENTRY OF EGGS (table eggs, salted eggs, quail eggs, embryonated eggs/balut). Entry of table eggs, salted eggs, quail eggs and embryonated eggs (balut) from Luzon, other areas of Visayas and Mindanao to Eastern Samar is allowed provided the following requirements are presented at the checkpoints and risk mitigation measures are applied:

1. Certificate of Farm Registration with DA-BAI;
2. Certificate of Avian Influenza Negative Test Result /or Certificate of Avian Influenza Free Status;
3. Veterinary Health Certificate issued by a duly licensed farm veterinarian from the source farm, concurred by the city/municipal/provincial veterinarian with contact numbers (single destination per document)
4. Veterinary Shipping Permit (single destination per document)
5. Livestock Handler's Certificate of Registration;
6. Livestock Transport Carrier Certificate of Registration;
7. Disinfection Certificate from the farm source, quarantine exit and entry points;
8. Certification from the originating local authorities that embryonated eggs (*balut*) have been cleaned by the shipper /trader at the source farm prior to departure from Luzon with acetic acid /vinegar at 1:10 dilution or any food grade disinfection.
9. Certification from the assigned Veterinary Quarantine Office that table eggs, salted eggs, quail eggs, embryonated eggs/balut and the vehicle has undergone **ultraviolet disinfection** prior to loading for shipment at the port of departure; and
10. The table eggs, salted eggs, quail eggs and embryonated eggs must be transported in new or appropriately sanitized containers or egg trays.

SECTION 3. POULTRY MEAT. The transport of poultry meat from Luzon , other areas of Visayas and Mindanao to the Province of Eastern Samar shall be allowed provided that then shipment is accompanied by Meat Inspection Certificate (MIC) for domestic meat products or Certification of Meat Inspection (COMI) for imported meat products. MIC or COMI will be issued by the NMIS along with the Shipping Permit issued by BAI.

SECTION 4. POULTRY BY - PRODUCTS. Entry of poultry dung/manure into the province of Eastern Samar is strictly prohibited.

SECTION 5. MINIMUM BIOSECURITY MEASURES. All Local Chief Executives are directed to strengthen and implement minimum biosecurity measures in their respective jurisdictions, particularly in slaughterhouses, poultry farms, and other similar establishments.

SECTION 6. DISEASE SURVEILLANCE. The Provincial Veterinary Services Office, in coordination with the city veterinary office and agricultural offices, shall conduct surveillance of the identified critical risk areas and shall conduct laboratory sample collection for AI screening. The Biodiversity Management Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (BMB-DENR) shall monitor the occurrence of migratory or wild birds in the area.

SECTION 7. REMEDIES OF TRANSPORTED POULTRY, POULTRY PRODUCTS AND BY-PRODUCTS WITH INCOMPLETE REQUIREMENTS.

Any shipper who fails to comply or been found to be in violation of this order shall be subjected to the following sanctions, to wit;

1. In case the violation is limited to absence or lack of documents, the shipper will be allowed to remedy the situation by producing the required documents within the period of twenty-four (24) hours only, subject to the maintenance of the quality of the commodities within the period.
2. Any shipper who fails to comply within the specified remedial period or has been found to be in violation of this order shall Return to Origin.

The corresponding quarantine expenses to incurred in the imposition of sanctions and penalties shall be borne by the shipper committing the violation.

SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE. If any provision of this Executive order is deemed modified accordingly. All other policies issued by the lower LGUs must be consistent with herein policies.

SECTION 9. SEAPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid, the remainder of any provision hereof not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately after issuance.

DONE this 1st day of April 2022 in Borongan City, Eastern Samar.


BEN P. EVARDONE
Governor