


Resolution to BAI Show Cause Order No. 2023-AHWD-06-20-02 (International Swine Genetics, Inc.)

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Greetings **MR. CHUA**:

This has reference to the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) **Show Cause Order No. 2023-AHWD-06-20-02** pertaining to the violation of Section 2 of the Animal Welfare Act of 1998 (R.A. 8485/ R.A. 10631) and related Department of Agriculture Administrative Issuances.

In the verified answer submitted by Ms. Connie Rito and Mr. Marc P. Chua, dated June 27, 2023 (Tuesday) and received July 11, 2023 (Tuesday), the following statements are provided, viz:

1. International Swine Genetics, Inc. attempted in 2021 to register their animal facility (swine facility) in the BAI thru the Department of Agriculture – Regional Field Office (DA-RFO) IV-B.
2. Unfortunately, their Mayor's Permit was revoked after numerous complaints from the neighborhood, urged them to reassess their operations in Palawan. They decided to entirely end their farm operations, including but not limited to processing separation pay for their employees, ending the breeding activities, and negotiations with their buyers.

The BAI hereby states the following facts:

1. The International Swine Genetics, Inc. represented by certain Tony Ng Chua, Ms. Connie Rito, and Mr. Marc P. Chua, located at Brgy. Sta. Lourdes, Puerto Princesa, Palawan, is not on the list of Registered Animal Facilities as required by the abovementioned laws and policies.
2. On July 11, 2023 (Tuesday), three (3) personnel from the Bureau handed over the certified Show Cause Order signed by the BAI Director to the Esquire Centre, [412 Gomezville St., Brgy. Addition Hills, Mandaluyong City](#), received warmly by Ms. Annaliza G. Mallanao.

Given these findings, as well as the received notarized response, the Bureau resolved that:

UNREGISTERED ANIMAL FACILITY/IES IS IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 2 OF R.A. 8485/ R.A. 10631, DA AO NO. 41, S. 2000, DA AC NO. 04, S. 2015, AND BAI MC NO. 19, S. 2022

According to Section 2 of R.A. 8485/ R.A. 10631, all animal facilities are not allowed to operate without securing a Certificate of Registration or License to Operate as Animal Facility first from the BAI.

Moreover, the animal-related structure is identified as a "Swine Facility."

From Annex I, Section 1.1.1 of the BAI MC No. 19, S. 2022, or the **Guidelines on the Harmonized Terminologies and Streamlined Regulatory Procedures for Animal Facilities, Disease Monitoring and Certification Programs of the Bureau of Animal Industry Animal Health and Welfare Division**, "Swine Facility" refers to any establishment for "maintaining, operating, confining, breeding, producing, holding, fattening or growing out, selling or trading" domesticated pigs (**Annex 3**).

Moreover, the respondent, in good faith, strived to register the animal-related facility with the Bureau in 2021. But due to the existing local ordinance ordering the closure of the abovementioned swine facility and, as a consequence, revoking their Mayor's Permit, the International Swine Genetics, Inc. will formally and permanently be closed.

The respondent requested an appeal to grant the delay of the closure of the farm until December 31, 2023 (Sunday) for the liquidation and preparation of the property and existing commodities to recover the loss of the company.

As such, and evidenced by verified reports, you have **VIOLATED** Section 2 of R.A. 8485/ R.A. 10631, its Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations, and related Administrative Issuances.





THEREFORE, you are hereby **ORDERED** to cease operating animal-related facilities and services on January 01, 2024 (Monday).

For your strict compliance.

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4 attachments

-  **Resolution 2023-AHWD-06-20-02 21JUL23 (Signed).pdf**
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-  **DA AO No. 41, S. 2000 Code of Practice and Minimum Standards for the Welfare of Pigs.pdf**
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-  **DA AC No. 04, S. 2015 Rules and Regulations on Registration of Animal Facilities.pdf**
393K
-  **BAI MC No. 19, S. 2022 Guidelines on the Harmonized Terminologies and Streamlined Regulatory Procedures of the BAI-AHWD.pdf**
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