

**[BAI ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 09, S. 2004,
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**GUIDELINES FOR ESTABLISHMENT, OPERATION AND
ACCREDITATION OF A STOCKYARD**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Presidential Decree 07, series of 1972 entitled "Prescribing the orderly marketing of livestock and animal products and regulations on animal feeds", it is necessary to formulate policies and procedures governing the flow of livestock in the various stages of marketing and the proper preservation and inspection of such products;

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

WHEREAS, the whole island of Mindanao, Batanes, Palawan, Regions VI and VII and Masbate were recognized as "FMD Free zones" and as such, all animals from these areas are not vaccinated and there is a need to impose strict restriction on stocking of animals from FMD Free areas and animals from endemic areas;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 27, series of 2004, "implementation of the eradication phase of the national program to control and eradicate FMD in the Philippines and Administrative Order No. 28, series of 2004, "guidelines on the movement and slaughter of swine and other FMD susceptible food animals;

WHEREAS, animals and slaughter from Visayas and Mindanao requires the availability of stockyard to serve as their hotels while awaiting buyers as well as all animals for slaughter.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LUIS P. LORENZO, JR., Secretary of Agriculture, do hereby issue this order:

SECTION 1. Objectives and Scope - To regulate the establishment, operation, management and accreditation of all stockyards in the Philippines who are engaged in the business of stocking/keeping animals temporarily for slaughtering, marketing or shipping or facility that serve as hotel for livestock.

SECTION 2. Criteria to be Considered in Selection of Proposed Stockyard

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1. Priority Considerations:

- a. An area centrally located with good transport facilities.
- b. A yard originally holding animals.
- c. Interest and willingness of operator in the development of livestock industry.
- d. The site should be at least 300 square meters for small animals and at least 1,000 square meters for large animals.

2. Minimum Requirements:

a. Facilities (design and layout will be provided by BAI)

1. Dial-type weighing scale/digital weighing scale
2. Sheds, pens, tie rails, corrals with water and feeding troughs
3. Office
4. Perimeter fence
5. Loading and Unloading ramps

b. Personnel*

1. Stockyard Manager
2. Livestock Inspector/Veterinarian Local Government Unit
3. Livestock Grader
4. Livestock Weigher
5. Yardman/Helper
6. Security Guard

* Number of personnel depends on workload

c. Stockyard Charges and Fees

SPECIE	Entrance ¹	Yardage ²	Corral ³
Cattle	P10.00	P20.00	P20.00
Carabao	10.00	20.00	20.00
Horse	10.00	20.00	20.00
Goat	5.00	10.00	20.00
Hogs	5.00	10.00	30.00

¹ Fee collected upon the entrance of animals in the stockyard.

² Fee collected for the use of facilities.

³ Fee include the cost of feeds per day.

SECTION 3. Start of Operation

For a stockyard to operate, there is a need to secure a Certificate of Accreditation from the Director of the Bureau of Animal Industry.

SECTION 4. Recommend Operating Procedures

a. Maintenance of Stockyard Facilities

1. The manager shall see to it that the stockyard personnel maintain the yard, scale and other places, structures and other appurtenances clean, sanitary and in good order.

2. No vendor is allowed to do business inside the stockyard.

b. Bio-security Measures

1. Stockyard operator shall require the submission of the approved license of the livestock handler, Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC), Authority to Ship (AS), Shipping Permit (SP), Quarantine Inspection Clearance (QIC) of the animals before acceptance;

2. All animals shall be inspected before entering the stockyard;

3. All truck vans/containers should be properly disinfected and subject for wheel bathing;

4. A foothbath should be provided at the gate entrance of the stockyard;

5. Personnel and staffs of the stockyard as well as visitors should undergo proper bio-security measures (e.g. hand washing, foot bathing, etc.);

6. Animals coming from Disease Free area should be separated from the animals coming from endemic areas;

7. No feeding of left over foods.

c. Disposal of Dead or Sick Animals

1. The authorized veterinarian shall see to it that the dead or sick animals are properly disposed of. The stockyard operator and shipper must agree for the cost of insurance to be built in the entrance fee of all animals to be stocked in the said stockyard;

2. It should be the responsibility of the LGU concerned to dispose infected animals and take necessary steps for the immediate slaughter of animals exposed to FMD and other diseases.

d. At the Entrance Gate

1. The Animal Health Officer shall inspect the animals for diseases and other infections and allow only healthy ones to be weighed, tagged and yarded to specific sheds and/or pens while awaiting buyers.

e. Payment of Market Charges

1. Management should see to it that stockyard charges are properly assessed and collected.

f. At the Exit Gate

1. The buyer shall present all necessary receipts/papers to the gate inspector, who shall thereafter, validate and verify the same and release the animals for loading.

g. Responsibilities of Stockyard Personnel

1. Stockyard Manager

- a. Supervise and oversee the whole stockyard operation;
- b. Ensure highest quality service from the stockyard personnel under him;
- c. Imposition of bio-security measures in and out of stockyard premises.

2. Livestock Inspector/Veterinarian from Local Government Unit