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PCPP Statement of Support

The Philippine College of Poultry Practitioners (PCPP) strongly support our veterinary colleagues and the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) involved in a legal case in the course of performance of their duty. These veterinarians are well respected in the veterinary community displaying high level of professionalism, dedication and work ethics.

In accordance with international protocol by the World Organization for Animal Health on the prevention and control of ASF as guidance to the contents of Administrative Order No. 22, Series of 2020, upon confirmation of the presence of the African Swine Fever (ASF) virus in a hog population, depopulation must be carried out in the area affected along with regulated movement of other pigs outside the said area to prevent the further spread of the virus. This action is also consistent with the pronouncement of the Secretary of Agriculture that science must prevail. BAI exercised due transparency when they declared the ASF situation in the province to protect those in the green and other less affected zones.

We believe that the Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test, as a laboratory tool used to validate the presence of ASF virus is of high sensitivity and specificity that a result of false positive is unlikely to happen; and that any detection of the virus in the pork meat or the blood samples in the abattoir strongly correlates with the infection level prior to slaughter.

In light of the scientific facts relevant to the events that transpired, we stand by our colleagues and support their commitment in providing the highest quality of veterinary care.