

**Implementing Rules and Regulations
Pursuant to Republic Act 8485
“The Animal Welfare Act of 1998”**

**REPUBLIC ACT 8485; AN ACT TO PROMOTE ANIMAL WELFARE IN THE
PHILIPPINES OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT OF
1993”**

WHEREAS, Section 3 of Republic Act of 8485, otherwise known as “The Animal Welfare Act of 1998” hereinafter referred to as RA 8485, and signed into law on February 11, 1998, mandates. “The director may call upon any government agency for assistance consistent with its powers, duties and responsibilities for the purpose of ensuring effective and efficient implementation of the Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder”;

WHEREAS, Section 5 of RA 8485 further mandates: “There is hereby created a Committee on Animal Welfare, hereinafter referred to as The Committee, attached to the Department of Agriculture which shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, issue the necessary rules and regulations for the strict implementation of the provisions of this Act, including the setting of safety and sanitary standards within Thirty (30) calendar days following its approval”;

WHEREAS, Section 10 of RA 8485 set the effectivity of RA 8485 at 15 days after the publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation”; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Agriculture, hereinafter referred to as the Secretary, created a Multisectoral, Inter-Office and Inter-Departmental, Committee on Animal Welfare whose first task was to draft the IRR pursuant to RA 8485. The Committee met often and worked intensively, submitting several drafts up to a final version of the IRR and its pertinent sections. The various versions were discussed in conferences and hearings with representatives of all concerned parties and stakeholders, both private and public.

NOW, THEREFORE, these IRR are hereby issued to guide the Department of Agriculture, hereinafter referred to as Department of the Bureau of Animal Industry, here matter referred to as the Bureau, and all other concerned departments, offices, agencies and stakeholders, in the implementation of RA 8485.

A. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS

Rule 1. These rules and regulations shall be referred to as the “The Implementing Rules and Regulation Pursuant to Republic Act 8

hospitals, stockyards corral, stud farms or stock farm, or zoo for the breeding, animal experimentation, treatment, sale or trading, training and transport of animals.

The task forces shall be composed of representatives from the concerned agencies and organizations. The committee shall review the output of the task forces for recommendation to the Secretary. Upon the approval by the Secretary of various rules and regulations, the Task Forces shall cease to exist. Please refer to Annex A