



National Advisory Committee for Animal
Disease Control & Emergency (NAC-ADCE):
*An Innovative Organizational Approach for the
Prevention, Control and Eradication of Animal
Diseases in the Philippines*

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Inception of NAC-ADCE

1994-1995

- FMD Outbreak
- Special Order No. 199 – Creation of a Technical Committee for the Control and Eradication of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD)



1997

- Special Order No. 233 – Amending S.O. No. 199 Revising the functions and membership of the Technical advisory Comm. for the Control and Eradication of FMD in the Philippines

2000

- Special order No. 588 – Amending S.O. No. 233 Changing the Name of the FMD Technical Advisory Comm. to National Advisory Comm. for Animal Disease Control & Emergency



2003

- Special Order No. 170 – Creation of the Regional Advisory Comm. for Animal Disease Control & Emergency

2004

- Special Order No. 70 – Amending S.O. No. 588 Revising the Advisory Functions and Memberships of the NAC-ADCE



- The NAC-ADCE is an advisory committee to the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture which was created in the advent of emerging diseases and in the concerted effort of the government and private agencies concerned with animal health, food animal production with the objective of making the country safe, self- sufficient and globally competitive.

Composition of the committee:

Chairman: Non-government

Co-Chairman: Chief Veterinary Officer

Secretary: Elected by members



Regular Members (Government):

- **Director, Bureau of Animal Industry**
- **Executive Director, National Meat Inspection Service**
- **Chief, Philippine Animal Health Center**
- **President, Provincial, City and Municipal Veterinarians' League of the Philippines**

Regular Members (Private): Representative from:

- **Phil. Veterinary Drug Assoc. (PVDA)**
- **Swine Industry – Phil. Swine Industry Research Development Foundation, Inc. (PSIRDFI)**
- **Poultry Industry – United Broiler Raisers Assoc. (UBRA)**
- **Cattle Industry- Federation of Cattle Raisers' Assoc. (FCRAP)**
- **Feed Producers – Phil. Feed Millers Inc. (PAFMI)**
- **Phil. Veterinary Medical Assoc. (PVMA)**



Sectoral Representatives: Representatives from the:

- **Veterinary Specialty Colleges and Professional Organizations**
- **Academe – Dean, CHED-Accredited College of Veterinary Medicine**
- **Regional Advisory Committee for Animal Disease Control and Emergency (RAC-ADCE)**
- **Philippines National Police (PNP)**
- **AFP Veterinary Corps- Chief**
- **Department of Interior and Local Governments (DILG)**
- **Department of Health (DOH)**
- **Phil. Council for Agriculture Research and Development (PCARRD)**
- **International Agencies**
- **Phil. Society for the Protection of Animals (PSPA)**
- **Phil. Carabao Center (PCC)**
- **National Dairy Authority (NDA)**



The functions of the committee are:

- To give advice and recommendations to the Secretary on the following issues and concern:
 - Prevention, control, eradication and monitoring of economically harmful animal diseases including those transmissible to humans;
 - Procedures to be followed in times of emergencies e.g. nationwide epidemic of food animal diseases and during disasters, man-made and natural;
 - Verification of reports of emerging animal diseases.
- Coordinate functions of RAC-ADCE which are the regional counterpart and have a similar function advising the Regional Executive Director (RED) including the submission of reports.
- Assist in the dissemination of information in all aspects of animal diseases.



- **Assist the Secretary in the preparation of the Memoranda of Agreement with all agencies including the foreign funding agencies**
- **Create a special working committee to address special issues and concern of the Department through the Bureau of Animal Industry and National Meat Inspection Service.**

Frequency of Meeting:

Regular meeting – once a month

Emergency meeting – as the need arises

Fund Source:

Integral part of the annual budget of the Office of the Secretary

Officers and regular members are given honoraria per meeting



Major Accomplishments

- **Initiated and Facilitated the approval of the following laws:**
 - Executive Order No. 251 Declaring the Philippines under the state of calamity in the Philippines (1995)
 - Veterinary Practice Act of 2004
 - Anti-Rabies Act of 2007
- **Initiated the drafting of the Animal Health Code of the Philippines**



- **Recommended the appointment of the Chief Veterinary Officer and was approved**
- **Facilitated the drafting of the following Administrative Orders:**
 - **Guidelines in the Movement of Swine & Other FMD Susceptible Food Animals**
 - **Transport & Movement of Chicken Dung and Animal Manure**
 - **Mandatory Testing of Poultry for OIE List A Diseases**



- **Gave advice & recommendations in the control and eradication on FMD, Rabies, Avian Influenza, Hog Cholera, Surra & Newcastle Disease**
- **Presented Senate Bill 1004- Importation of Beef from OIE Declared FMD-Free Countries to Congress**
- **Recommended the rehabilitation of stockyards for livestock coming from FMD Free Areas**
- **Recommended the harmonization of all accreditation schemes required for livestock**



Concluding Remarks

- It is this unique and innovative organization that has given its strength and advice of which has been followed by the Secretary.
- Because of its advisory strength, NAC-ADCE has agreed that it will be institutionalized by law and therefore will be included as such in the proposed Animal Health Code which is also being initiated by this unique body.



Thank you very much for your
attention

