



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Health  
**FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION**



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FDA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR  
No. 2021-001

**TO :** ALL ESTABLISHMENTS OF VETERINARY DRUGS,  
VACCINES AND BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS

**SUBJECT :** EXTENSION OF VALIDITY OF LICENSE TO  
OPERATE (LTO) AND OTHER MARKET  
AUTHORIZATIONS GRANTED TO VETERINARY  
ESTABLISHMENTS, DRUGS, BIOLOGICALS AND  
PRODUCTS TRANSFERRED FROM THE BUREAU OF  
ANIMAL INDUSTRY (BAI) TO THE FOOD AND DRUG  
ADMINISTRATION (FDA)

In the interest of service and to ensure the continuous delivery of services during the transfer of regulation of veterinary establishments, drugs, biological products, from the BAI to FDA, this Office hereby issues the following transitory guidelines:

1. All valid Market Authorization (MAs) such as License to Operate (LTO), Certificate of Product Registration (CPR) and other MAs duly issued by BAI will be honored by the FDA.
2. All LTOs, CPRs and other MAs expiring from March to July 2021 will be given six (6) months validity extension upon filing of application to FDA.
3. This automatic validity extension of 6 months shall not preclude the FDA from revoking the relevant marketing authorization in case of violation.
4. For transactions with the Bureau of Customs (BOC) and other offices, this issuance may be presented together with valid LTOs and CPRs for importation purposes. No other authorization (e.g. import permit) shall be required for incoming shipments.
5. Initial and Renewal applications for LTOs and CPRs shall follow existing rules and regulations, systems, process, procedures and requirements of FDA for licensing of establishments, drug product registration and issuances of other MAs.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately upon approval and publication posting at the FDA website. Likewise, it shall be published in a national newspaper, endorsed and filed at the Office of the National Administrative Register (UP-ONAR) of the UP Law Center.

  
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