

<b>Activity Title:</b>	<b>Inter-agency Writeshop on Veterinary Drugs Monitoring</b>
<b>Component:</b>	<b>Standards Harmonisation and Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Conformity/ SPS Subcomponent</b>
<b>Activity Number:</b>	<b>2S.1.1.6</b>
<b>Dates:</b>	<b>13-14 December 2010</b>
<b>Partner Agencies:</b>	<b>Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI)</b>



Short-term expert, Ms. Elizabeth Macaibay, orients the participants on the expected outcome of the writeshop while giving emphasis on the importance of inter-agency cooperation in the full implementation of a national veterinary drug residue control program.



<b>Outcomes:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report on the actual FDA, BFAR, BAI and NMIS functions and duties on the area of veterinary drugs including drug residue and testing.</li> <li>• Draft issuance to introduce measures to ensure compliance with National Veterinary Drug Residue Control Program</li> </ul>
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<b>Context:</b>	Under the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (RA 3720), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of the Department of Health has the mandate to adopt measures in the safe supply of drugs including those introduced to animals. BFAR, in its residue monitoring of feeds, has collected samples found positive for certain banned substances for animals. The non-compliance (with banned ingredients in veterinary drugs) and the lack of corrective action thereafter does not carry sanctions to ensure the feeds given to animals are safe. There is a need to strengthen the National Veterinary Drug Residue Control Program to ensure the safety of animals according to the farm to fork principle.
<b>Objectives:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orient the participants on the present relevant laws and administrative orders on the monitoring of veterinary drugs and the National Veterinary Drug Residue Control Program</li> <li>• Obtain inputs from the participants on the actual system presently being implemented by FDA, BFAR, BAI and NMIS on veterinary drugs and the problems and concerns that they have encountered in their implementation of their respective current rules and procedures on veterinary drugs monitoring</li> <li>• After obtaining/collecting the inputs, the participants shall join the Writeshop to strengthen the National Veterinary Drug Residue Control Program and present a veterinary drug monitoring system</li> </ul>
<b>Methodology:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentations</li> <li>• Group discussion</li> <li>• Writeshop</li> </ul>
<b>Number of Participants and Profile:</b>	36 (Personnel and legal staff from BFAR, BAI and DA)
<b>Expert:</b>	Elizabeth Macaibay (Short-term expert)

