



Republic of the Philippines  
**LAGUNA LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2022 - 01**

**SUBJECT : EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR FILING OF  
REGISTRATION/RENEWAL OF PRIVILEGE TO OPERATE (PTO)  
FISHPENS AND FISHCAGES IN LAGUNA DE BAY FOR CY 2022**

The registration for aquaculture structures (registration and renewals of Privilege to Operate, or PTOs), whether fishpen or fishcage, shall be submitted not later than January 31 of each year as per Section 11 of LLDA Board Resolution No. 561 series of 2019, otherwise known as the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) for the Laguna de Bay Fishery Zoning and Management Guidelines (ZOMAG) of 2019.

Based on recent information gathered by the Community Development Division of this Authority, majority of lakeshore LGUs has extended its filing for registration/renewal of its Business/Mayor's Permit within the first quarter of 2022 to prevent the high number of permit applicants amid the recent surge of COVID-19 cases in their locality. Also, some LGUs are said to be not issuing Business/Mayor's Permit for aquaculture-related operations pending clarification of the lifting of the alleged moratorium previously imposed by the LLDA for such operations.

Likewise, there are a number of appeals received from various fishpen and fishcage groups and operators to extend the deadline of filing of applications due to its inability to comply with the required submission of complete documentary requirements given the mobility and social gathering restrictions imposed, and the recent surge of cases of the highly transmissible variants of COVID-19, among others.

With the extension of the filing of Business/Mayor's Permit, which is one of the requirements in the application and renewals of PTO, and taking into consideration the difficulties encountered by aquaculture operators to prepare and file government-related permits on time due to the continuous imposition of varying levels of Alert Level systems during this public health emergency, the LLDA provides extension for filing of registration/renewal for Privilege to Operate Fishpens and Fishcages in Laguna de Bay **until March 31, 2022**.

Therefore, concerned PTO holders, clients and individuals must be prepared to meet this extended deadline to avoid the imposition of a 2.5% monthly surcharge for its Fishpen/Fishcage Permit Fees and administrative fine of PHP 5,000.00 due to late filing of PTO application.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately and remain in force unless otherwise revoked, amended or superseded.

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