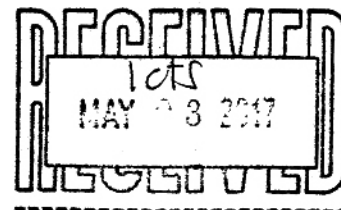




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DEPARTMENT ORDER

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SUBJECT: DESIGNATING THE AGRICULTURAL TRAINING INSTITUTE AS LEAD AGENCY IN DEVELOPING AND COORDINATING A FOOD SAFETY REGULATION TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Pursuant to Article IX Section 31 of RA 10611, otherwise known as the Food Safety Act (FSA) of 2013, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), the Department of Agriculture (DA) is mandated to regularly provide training to food business operators, food handlers, and government personnel.

Further, pursuant to Article V, Section 16 and Rule 16.13, the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) shall develop and conduct the relevant training programs for the DA. In this regard, ATI shall lead the development of standard food safety training courses for government personnel, food business operators, and food handlers involved in the primary production and postharvest stages of the food supply chain, which per Article V Section 16 is the sector of the food chain under the responsibility of the DA.

In developing the comprehensive training program, ATI shall collaborate with the following agencies, bureaus, and organizational units of the DA and with other related agencies and offices:

1. Food Safety Regulatory Agencies (FSRAs) under the DA:
 - a. Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI)
 - b. Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI)
 - c. Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR)
 - d. National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS)
 - e. Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA)
 - f. National Dairy Authority (NDA)
2. DA Standards-Setting Agency for Primary and Post-harvest food:
 - a. Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS)
3. Related FSRAs and agencies not under DA administrative supervision:
 - a. National Food Authority (NFA)
 - b. Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA)
 - c. Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA)
 - d. NFA-Food Development Center (NFA-FDC)

4. Other government Departments, agencies and offices, the academe, training institutes, non-government organizations, as well as international organizations involved in and/or providing food safety -related training.

Collaboration in the development of a food safety training program between the ATI and the agencies listed above means ATI shall lead the development and coordination of the following policies, procedures, and activities:

1. Review of existing training activities and programs
2. Identification of training needs
3. Evaluation of the availability of trainers
4. Establishment of policies for intellectual property protection for ATI as well as compensation for writers and trainers
5. Availability of funding
6. Policies for the compensation of authors and speakers

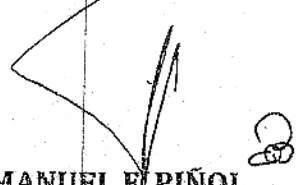
The Office of the DA Undersecretary for Policy and Planning, Project Development, R&D, and Regulations, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Regulations (OASR), and the Food, Agriculture, and Fisheries Policy Division, Policy Research Service (FAFPD-PRS) shall provide oversight as well as recommendations on training programs to ensure that the objectives and requirements of the FSA with respect to food safety training are met.

The OASR shall exercise supervision over ATI in the implementation of this Order. It shall establish the necessary organizational arrangements in complying with this Order and shall provide periodic reports on progress of work and resulting outputs. It shall also serve as the DA link to the Department of Health (DOH) and other Departments, agencies and offices, the academe, training institutes, non-government organizations, as well as international organizations, whenever activities requiring such linkage are identified.

To ensure continued delivery of services, agencies currently conducting training activities related to food safety shall continue to do so until the organizational arrangements and comprehensive training program for DA have been established.

Expenses relative to the implementation of this Order shall be charged to the budget of the ATI, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules. Funding support as may be necessary may be requested from appropriate offices and units.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until revoked. All other Orders inconsistent hereto are deemed revoked.


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