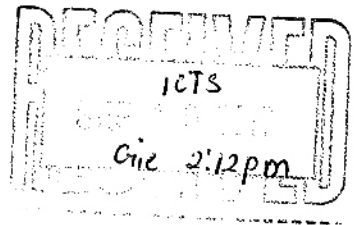




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**SUBJECT:                   MANUAL OF PROCEDURES OF THE SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY  
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**WHEREAS**, food safety and the protection of animal and plant life or health are the main objectives of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures and are paramount over trade at all times;

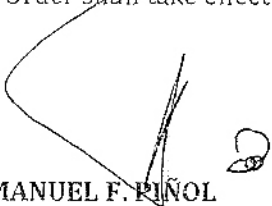
**WHEREAS**, the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures Focal Group, hereinafter referred to as the SPS Focal Group, was established through Department Special Order No. 600, s. 2011, as amended, in recognition of the importance of robust policy decisions based on risk analysis and coordinated actions within the bureaucratic set-up of SPS system in the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, the SPS Focal Group is responsible for facilitating effective and appropriate level of coordination on SPS-related issues, policies and activities; developing country position on SPS issues discussed at various international fora; and harmonizing and strengthening the delivery of services pertinent to domestic and international SPS concerns of the agriculture and fishery sectors;

**PURSUANT TO** Department of Agriculture Department Order No. 3, s. 2016 titled "Establishing the DA Institutional Structure and Arrangements on Regulatory Policy Work Streams, Coordination and Monitoring", as amended by Department Order No. 7, s. 2016;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL**, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby issue this Order granting approval of the Manual of Procedures to guide the activities of the SPS Focal Group and ensure effective coordination on matters concerning the development, application, and implementation of SPS measures.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

  
**EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL**  
Secretary

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