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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT: Authority to Conduct the Orientation/Workshop on Price Monitoring and Open Data Kit System on November 20-22, 2019 (Batch 1) and November 27-29, 2019 (Batch 2) in Metro Manila

In the interest of the service and in order to fully implement the provisions of Republic Act No. 8571 or the Price Act nationwide, the Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Service - Surveillance, Monitoring and Enforcement Group (AMAS-SMEG) is hereby authorized to conduct the "Orientation/Workshop on Price Monitoring and Open Data Kit System" on November 20-22, 2019 (Batch 1) and November 27-29, 2019 (Batch 2) in Metro Manila. The AMAS-SMEG, the sixteen (16) Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Divisions - Agribusiness Industry Support Section (AMADS-AISS), and attached agencies BFAR, BPI, High Value Crops Development Program, and National Food Authority of the Department of Agriculture (DA) are tasked to monitor prices of basic necessities and prime commodities all over the Philippines. They are partners with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) in this noble endeavor. Thus, there is a need to harmonize the conduct of the monitoring system among the agencies involved.


The Open Data Kit (ODK) System is designed to introduce first time ODK users to the ODK platform and provide them with skills necessary to use the system. Mobile phones, tables and other handheld devices had become a feasible and adaptable method of price data collection. Since nearly everyone has a mobile phone today, capturing data or information in real time is possible. Aside from mobility, mobile surveys are also more versatile because respondents can send pictures, record voice, and get their location (coordinates).

A total of eighty-seven (87) DA-AMAS-SMEG, AMAD-AISS, BFAR, BPI, DA-HVCDP, and NFA staff will be identified to attend the 2 batches of trainings, as follows:

Participants and Management Team	Number of Participants
a) Training participants	
- AMAD-AISS (3 each)	48
- BFAR	2
- BPI	2
- DA-HVCDP	2
- NFA	2
b) AMAS-SMEG/Secretariat	22
c) Resource speakers/facilitators from DTI, PSA and DA-ICTS	9
TOTAL	87

Expenses to be incurred such as resource speakers' fees, food, tokens, and other incidental expenses will be charged to DA-AMAS funds, while the travelling expenses of the DA-RFO participants and attached agencies shall be charged to their respective offices, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations. This Special Order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 15 of November 2019.


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