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Department of Agriculture
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SPECIAL ORDER

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**SUBJECT: DESIGNATION OF UNDERSECRETARY ERNESTO S. GONZALES AS
UNDERSECRETARY FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

In the interest of service, **UNDERSECRETARY ERNESTO S. GONZALES** is hereby designated as **Undersecretary for Consumer Affairs**.

As such he shall perform the following functions, duties and responsibilities:

1. Lead in the establishment of mechanisms that will ensure the availability, accessibility and sustainability of food supplies in a quantity and quality sufficient to the needs of individuals and families on occasions of calamities, emergencies and like occurrences;
2. In coordination with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) shall strictly enforce the automatic price freeze on basic necessities in areas declared as a disaster area or under a state of calamity, or price ceilings on any basic necessity or price commodity that may be imposed by the President, pursuant to R.A. No.7581 as amended;
3. Provide advice on the institutionalization of Kadiwa Centers;
4. Lead in the establishment of protocols on the inspection and compliance of business establishments and facilities on the enforcement of food safety measures;
5. Lead in ensuring food safety in the primary production and post-harvest stages of food supply chain and foods locally produced or imported;
6. Ensure that the food safety regulatory mandates and functions of the concerned DA agencies are clearly defined;
7. Lead in the development of instruments, measures, tools in the monitoring of the presence of contaminants in foods of plant, animal, and fishery origin and measures to address incidents of food contamination;
8. Submit regular weekly report on the status of basic agricultural supplies; and
9. Perform other functions as may be assigned by the Secretary relative to consumer affairs.

He is entitled to RATA, travelling allowance, per diems and incidental expenses that may be incurred in the performance of his duties and responsibilities as designated, chargeable against OSEC funds and other available funds, subject to existing government accounting and auditing rules and procedures.

All officials and employees of the Department, including its Bureaus, Attached Agencies and Corporations, and Regional Field Offices are hereby advised to give their full support and cooperation to Undersecretary Gonzales in the performance of his duties and responsibilities.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain enforced unless revoked in writing. All orders inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 10th day of December 2019.


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Secretary

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