



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Agriculture
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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SPECIAL ORDER

No. 1122

Series of 2019

SUBJECT: TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS

In the interest of service and pursuant to Special Order No. 783 series of 2019 designating **USEC. ERNESTO S. GONZALES, DVM** as Undersecretary for Consumer Affairs, herewith are the Terms of Reference, to wit:

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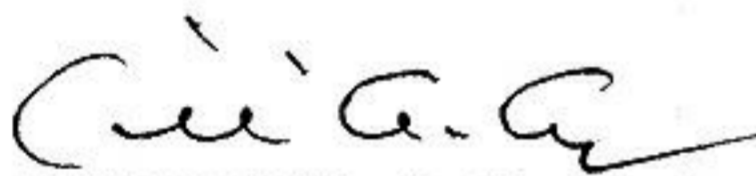
1. Oversee the formulation and implementation of plans and programs of the Agribusiness and Marketing Group, both at the Central Office and Regional Field Offices;
2. Oversee the formulation and implementation of plans and programs related to the enforcement of laws protecting the interests of the consumers and various interest groups with reference to the Price Act, Consumer Act and Food Safety Act and their Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR);
3. Oversee the harmonization of the agribusiness and marketing plans and programs of DA-Bureaus, Attached Agencies and Government Owned and Controlled Corporations;
4. Oversee the formation of consumer groups and provision of consumer education in the agriculture and fishery sectors;
5. Oversee and Head the Bantay Presyo and Sagip Saka enabling committees;
6. Lead the DA policy-making body in the advocacy of trade and consumer protection laws in coordination with other National Government Agencies, Local Government Units and private sector organizations;
7. In coordination with the Food Safety Regulatory Agencies as provided in the Food Safety Act of 2013 and its IRR, coordinate the efforts in the development, enforcement and monitoring of food safety standards and regulations for foods in the primary production and postharvest stages of the food supply chain;
8. In coordination with other DA Offices, ensure that all the production efforts, plans and programs are aligned with the agribusiness and marketing plans and programs; and
9. Perform other duties as may be assigned by the Secretary of Agriculture.

All the expenses that may be incurred in the performance of his functions, duties and responsibilities are chargeable against OSEC and other available funds, subject to existing government accounting, auditing and procurement rules and regulations.

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. All orders inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 11 day of December 2019.


WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph. D.
Secretary

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