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**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**  
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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

No. 28

Series of 2020

**SUBJECT : AMENDMENTS TO THE DA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 5, SERIES OF 2020, RE: FUNCTIONS OF THE BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES ENGINEERING AS PROGRAM MANAGEMENT OFFICE FOR THE FARM-TO-MARKET ROAD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

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Section 24 of RA No. 10601 (Agricultural and Fisheries Mechanization Law) mandates the Bureau of Agricultural and Fisheries Engineering (BAFE) to coordinate, oversee and monitor the national planning and implementation of farm-to-market roads. In view of this, the BAFE, in addition to its functions under DA Administrative Order No. 5, series of 2020 shall serve as the Program Management Office (PMO) of the DA Farm-to-Market Road Development Program (FMRDP) and perform the following functions:

- 1) Undertake coordination works with DA-Regional Field Offices (RFOs), various DA operating units, DPWH and other concerned government agencies relative to the national planning, implementation and monitoring of FMRDP;
- 2) Review and consolidate the prioritized list of FMR projects endorsed by the RFOs through the Regional Agricultural Engineering Division (RAED) and ensure completeness of the requirements stipulated in the existing FMRDP guidelines. The prioritized list of FMR proposals with their rankings shall be included in the pipeline or list of FMRs for final approval by the DA Secretary and endorsement to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) for funding, and to the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) for implementation;
- 3) Ensure that there is no duplication of FMR projects under FMRDP, Philippine Rural Development Program (PRDP) and other funding sources under DA;
- 4) Prepare and submit to the Secretary the consolidated regional budget proposal which will be recommended by DA to DBM for inclusion in the national government budget expenditure (NEP);
- 5) Conduct regular monitoring and updated reporting on FMR implementation status to ensure that the construction of the FMR projects are in accordance with the standards set forth by the DPWH and the Philippine Agricultural Engineering Standards;

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- 6) As deemed necessary, inspect FMR projects funded under the Regular Funds or under the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for the road quality and geotag the completed project in its coordinates;
- 7) Conduct operation and maintenance audit on completed FMR projects to assess its status and condition as well as the level of compliance of the LGUs on its maintenance commitment.

The technical and administrative staff of FMRDP shall report to BAFE Director/Assistant Director for effective implementation and monitoring of FMRDP. The BAFE shall submit regular report/s to the DA Undersecretary In-Charge of the FMRDP oversight.

Funds necessary for the performance of the above functions of BAFE shall be charged to the FMRDP funding allocation of DA-OSEC or to the available funds of BAFE subject to accounting and auditing 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 full support and cooperation to the BAFE in the performance of its duties and responsibilities.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain enforced unless revoked in writing.

All issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked or superseded.

Done this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.

  
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Secretary *and*

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