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I. RATIONALE

More than the number of lives claimed by COVID-19 pandemic, the country's economy also suffered a hard blow with the implemented prevention measures. After months of community quarantine, which caused shutdown of economic activities, many businesses incurred losses and citizens lost their livelihood and foregone earning opportunities. Among the heavily hit sector are the self-employed, wage earners and informal sector workers whose activities are affected by quarantine. Starting anew and getting back to track from this economic situation would require support to re-establish their income sources.

For the agriculture sector, the limited mobility has somehow affected trade of produce resulting in losses and foregone plantings or delayed harvest. Provision of inputs as stimulus would provide for the basic capitalization, which would help encourage local farmers to get back to farming and continue producing food. With the uncertainties coming from shifting food security policies of exporting countries, sustaining the local food industry would help secure the country from food scarcity and price spikes that may be brought by global competition.

Rice was among the commodities whose world supply and price has been affected by the pandemic. With the temporary rice export suspension of Vietnam, global rice supply was highly affected especially in those rice-importing countries like the Philippines. Import arrivals has slowed down during the suspension period, which triggered the country to support the agricultural stimulus program of the Department of Agriculture - "Plant, Plant, Plant Program", otherwise known as "*Ahon Lahat Pagkaing Sapat (ALPAS) Kontra sa COVID-19 Program*". Under this Program, the Rice Resiliency Project (RRP) has been created to specifically address the global rice supply situation by boosting domestic production.

With the continuous world trade uncertainties in this period of pandemic, sustaining local production would not only provide for jobs and income for the



agricultural sector but would also secure the country's food availability throughout this crisis.

During the 2020 wet cropping season, the Department implemented RRP to increase farmers' productivity and ensure food security amid the COVID-19 pandemic through the provision of free seeds and fertilizer subsidy.

For the 2020-2021 dry cropping season, the Rice Resiliency Project II (RRP II) shall be implemented to sustain the gains of RRP 1. Moreover, RRP II will also recognize and provide incentives to Provincial Local Government Units (PLGUs) that will exceed the production growth targets.

Unlike RRP I, fertilizers under this Project shall be provided to farmers in form of subsidy without the counterpart requirement. The Department of Agriculture, however, shall encourage the farmer-beneficiaries to utilize this fertilizer subsidy as an add-on to their fertilizer requirement and shall not be treated as substitute.

Fertilizer subsidy shall be carried out in partnership with a Government Financial Institution (GFI). Recipients of seed support and those who purchased or used their own seeds shall also be entitled to claim for Fertilizer Subsidy. This scheme shall allow farmer-beneficiaries to procure inorganic fertilizers at accredited fertilizer dealers, distributors and accredited Farmers Cooperatives and Associations (FCAs) using a voucher with an amount equivalent to two thousand pesos (P2,000.00)/ha for inbred and three thousand pesos (P3,000.00)/ha for hybrid.

The RRP II will still be implemented with three (3) sub-projects:

1. **Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF)- Enhanced** - a fertilizer subsidy support for the RCEF-targeted inbred rice municipalities to complement the distribution of inbred seeds under the RCEF Seed Component implemented by the Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice).
2. **Expanded Inbred Rice Production (Beyond RCEF Areas)-** an expanded inbred certified seed distribution during the dry season to enhance production in non-RCEF areas to be coupled with inorganic fertilizers. This shall also cover the provision of fertilizer subsidy to farmers who utilize good seeds/home saved seeds.
3. **Expanded Hybrid Rice Production in Suitable Areas** - an intensified promotion of high yielding technology through distribution of hybrid rice seeds and provision of fertilizer subsidy. Farmers who are recipients of hybrid rice seeds from other fund sources like the National Rice Program (NRP) 2020 GAA, RRP spill over, and other programs and projects, and are targeted for the dry season cropping shall also be provided with fertilizer

subsidy. This sub-project may also be implemented in areas within RCEF municipalities/cities provided that beneficiaries are not targeted by RCEF enhanced sub-project's interventions.

II. TARGETS

This guidelines shall cover the implementation of the totality of RRP II including budget from the National Rice Program (NRP) under for current release (FCR), for later release (FLR) and refocused budget, and RRP 1 spill over intended for Dry Season Implementation. The following are the targets for the RRP II for the 2020-2021 dry season per each sub-project:

SUB-PROJECT	TARGET AREA (ha)	SEEDS (bags)	FERTILIZER REQUIREMENT (bags)
RCEF Enhanced	843,000	843,000	1,686,000
- Certified Seeds*	843,000	843,000	
- Fertilizer**			1,686,000
Expanded Inbred	367,102	284,195	734,204
- Certified Seeds from RRP II	225,401	225,401	450,802**
- Certified Seeds from RRP I and NRP regular funds	58,794	58,794	117,588**
- Good Seeds / Home Saved Seeds	82,907		165,814**
Expanded Hybrid	811,931	811,931	2,435,793
- Hybrid Seeds	478,787	478,787	
- Hybrid Seeds from RRP I and NRP regular funds	333,144	333,144	
- Fertilizer Subsidy***			2,435,793
GRAND TOTAL	2,022,033	1,939,126	4,855,997

* provided under RCEF

**fertilizer support for 2 bags/ha or a subsidy equivalent to an amount of PhP2,000/ha

*** fertilizer support for 3 bags/ha or a subsidy equivalent to an amount of PhP3,000/ha

III. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the RRP II are to sustain the gains of the RRP 1 and to achieve at least 5% increase in the production growth at the provincial level for the 2020-2021 dry season cropping.

IV. PROJECT SCOPE

The project will be implemented in the 2020-2021 dry season cropping in 16 regions of the country with rice-producing provinces/municipalities. Covered rice areas are the irrigated and rainfed lowland in RCEF and non-RCEF areas.

V. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

A. Identification of Area

Proper planning is vital to ensure harmonious implementation of various programs catering to the same universe of beneficiaries. Consultation with partner local implementers shall be conducted to identify the scope and coverage of the complementing programs and projects in their respective localities. Preferences of beneficiaries shall also be given due consideration to promote higher acceptance rate of the program.

For RCEF-Enhanced sub-project, areas are the identified rice areas in RCEF priority provinces, municipalities and cities, who expressed their intention to avail and utilize certified inbred seeds for their production. For Expanded Hybrid Rice Production, primary criteria are the suitability of the area to grow hybrid and the preference of beneficiaries on adopting such technology for their production. Should a hybrid target area be situated in an RCEF-identified municipality or city, farmers who prefer to use hybrid would still be accepted as beneficiary for the expanded hybrid sub-project. However, farmer beneficiaries, once listed as beneficiary for a certain project i.e. RCEF, they will not be allowed to shift to hybrid for at least three years to facilitate the evaluation on the impact of the projects in the future as provided by the law.

If the majority (greater than 50%) of the total rice areas in a municipality or city would be planted to hybrid, the municipality or city shall be tagged as Dominant Hybrid. If RCEF covers more than 50% of the production area, the locality shall be tagged as Dominant RCEF. These areas will be the convergence of all interventions provided for under RCEF.

Rice areas not served by RCEF Enhanced and Expanded Hybrid Rice Production shall be covered by the Expanded Inbred Rice Production.

B. Seed Component

Selection of Seeds. National Seed Industry Council (NSIC)-registered inbred and hybrid rice seed varieties recommended for the dry season and locality shall be procured, distributed and utilized in this Project. Furthermore, varieties with temporary accreditation can also be considered, provided that its distribution will be limited in provinces where its performance is outstanding.

Seed Procurement and Distribution. Guidelines on seed procurement and distribution for the RRP 2020 wet crop season shall be adopted this 2020-2021

dry crop season. For certified seeds, packaging however could follow the RCEF packaging of 20-kg/bag but with DA logo and “Not for Sale” marking, to provide ease of serving seeds for multiple projects. For hybrid seeds, packaging will be in 3, 5, 9, 15 or 18 kilograms/bag in moisture proof packaging material with stickers of DA Logo and “Not for Sale” labels. Farmer-beneficiaries in the 2020 wet season must provide their production yield (mt/ha) before they can receive the inbred/hybrid seeds under RRP II for the 2020-2021 dry season.

Carry over seeds or seeds that were not distributed during the 2020 wet crop season, but are still viable based on updated seed germination tests, can be distributed to farmers this 2020-2021 dry crop season, particularly those planting early.

All beneficiaries must be RSBSA-registered. For farmers who are not yet registered, they should coordinate with LGUs to facilitate their inclusion in the registry.

The DA-RFOs, in coordination with the Provincial and Municipal/City Agriculturist (MA/CA) shall spearhead the distribution of seeds and fertilizers to the farmer beneficiaries, still adhering to the precautionary measures as stipulated in the Administrative Order No. 12, series of 2020 such as wearing of masks and face shields, handwashing, social distancing and other preventative measures.

C. Fertilizer Component

For the fertilizer component under RRP II, funds from NRP regular funds, Bayanihan 2 Law and RRP 1 spill-over cash shall be utilized for this purpose.

Fertilizer Distribution Modalities. The different fund sources that would be utilized for the implementation of RRP II fertilizer support requires to have multiple distribution modalities. For funds which allowed fertilizer procurement prior to the onset of the Dry Season crop, (e.g. NRP regular funds and a portion of the RRP I spill-over) fertilizers would be distributed in kind following the scheme of 2 bags/ha for inbred and 3 bags/ha for hybrid.

For funds, which were made available on the early stages of the Dry Season (e.g. Bayanihan 2 Law fund and RRP I Spill-over cash) fertilizer support will be provided as subsidy of which the procedures are enumerated in the succeeding sections.

Partner Dealer/Distributor/FCA Accreditation

1. DA RFOs shall conduct information dissemination to make program details available to the stakeholders, particularly fertilizer distributors, dealers, retailers and FCAs.



2. Interested Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) accredited dealers, distributors and FCAs shall send a letter of intent (LOI) signifying their interest to take part in the program. Attached to the LOI is their agreement to the following terms and conditions:
 - a. Commitment to provide for the requirements to facilitate online processing of transactions to include provision of required equipment (android phone with basic camera functions for scanning of QR code) and manpower, and data capture of supporting documents
 - b. Willingness to open bank account with partner GFI to facilitate settlement of voucher payments, or shoulder transaction costs incurred should they opt for other fund transfer mechanisms like credit to other bank account or cash pick-up
 - c. Willingness to offer fertilizer on a per kilogram basis
3. DA-RFOs shall conduct the evaluation process to determine the qualification of interested dealers, distributors and FCAs based on the following criteria:
 - a. Must be registered under the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) or Cooperative Development Authority (CDA), and Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR).
 - b. Fertilizer dealers, distributors and FCAs must be accredited by FPA
 - c. Must be able to issue official receipts
 - d. Has a capacity to provide for the equipment, internet connectivity and manpower for facilitating online and offline transactions
 - e. Has proper fertilizer storage facility/ies
 - f. Must have enough inventory to supply the required volume of the nearby program rice areas
4. DA-RFOs shall provide the list of qualified dealers, distributors and FCAs to ICTS. ICTS shall provide registration links to all qualified dealers, distributors and FCAs, and conduct the system operations training in coordination with DA-RFOs. Upon their completion, RFOs shall issue a certificate of accreditation to participate in the program.

D. Voucher Process

1. Municipal/City Agriculturist (MA/CA) shall prepare the masterlist of eligible farmer-beneficiaries.
 - a. For recipients of seed support, masterlist of seed beneficiaries from MA/CA must be accomplished (**Refer to Annex A-2**)
 - b. For RCEF beneficiaries, copy of the list of recipients prepared by LGU and duly recognized by PhilRice representative will be considered for RCEF-enhanced sub-project. Masterlist however,

should include indicators as to the receipt of fertilizer in kind for the dry season 2020-2021, and the RSBSA registration number.

- c. For farmers who purchased directly or utilized good seeds or home-saved seeds, they shall signify intention to the MAO/CAO for them to be included in the masterlist. Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) shall verify the planted area and certify the list.

Masterlist for fertilizer subsidy (*Refer to Annex A-1*) should include tagging of those who already received fertilizer in kind from the NRP Regular funds and RRP I unutilized fertilizer to exclude them from the list of fertilizer subsidy eligible beneficiaries.

All beneficiaries must be RSBSA-registered. For farmers who are not yet registered, they should coordinate with LGUs to facilitate their inclusion in the registry. RSBSA number must be included in the masterlist. RFOs shall encode the ANI at KITA forms in the Farmer and Fisherfolk Registry System (FFRS).

Simultaneous to masterlisting, data gathering on the previous cropping's production will be conducted. Rice farmers who did not avail inbred or hybrid seeds during the 2020-2021 dry season must also provide their production data or yield (mt/ha) during the 2020 wet cropping season before they can qualify for the fertilizer subsidy.

2. DA-RFO will encode the masterlist obtained from LGU (MA/CA), excluding those who already have received fertilizer in kind. This digital version of the masterlist, to include the amount that the farmer is entitled to claim (based on his/her production area), shall be used as a transaction file. To facilitate fast accomplishment of this task, DA-RFOs are authorized to hire encoders for this purpose.
3. DA-RFOs will transmit transaction files in CSV format to DA-Information and Communications Technology Service (ICTS) for review, data cleaning and crossmatching. Cleaned data will be stored in the database, which the DA-RFOs can access. DA-RFOs shall download the cleaned list from the database and prepare an endorsement signed by the Regional Executive Directors (REDs) to DA FOS, copy furnished DA-ICTS. The endorsed list shall be considered as the official list of fertilizer subsidy beneficiaries.
4. ICTS will generate a unique reference number and voucher with QR code for each farmer-beneficiary. A single beneficiary, however, may be entitled to receive multiple vouchers should his farm lands be situated in different localities.

Vouchers shall have a face value equivalent to PhP2,000.00/ha for inbred and PhP3,000.00/ha for hybrid. For a fraction of a hectare, voucher shall have a fertilizer subsidy value equivalent to the land holding, e.g. for half hectare, the value of voucher shall be PhP1,000.00 for inbred or PhP1,500.00 for hybrid; for 1.5 hectares, value of voucher would be PhP3,000.00 for inbred and PhP4,500.00 for hybrid. However, for areas of 0.5 ha and below, subsidy shall automatically be set to PhP1,000.00 for inbred and PhP1,500.00 for hybrid.

5. Generated vouchers will be disseminated in any of the following modalities:

Printed Vouchers. RFOs will generate and print vouchers thru the voucher management platform.. Printed vouchers will be sent to LGUs for distribution to farmer-beneficiaries. This will be the best option for farmers who don't have mobile phones.

Reference Number and e-Voucher Link. DA-RFOs will generate the reference number and the e-voucher link and send it to the mobile phones of the farmer-beneficiaries. For farmers with smartphones, they can click the e-voucher link to access the voucher QR code. For farmers with analog phones, they can present the reference number directly to the dealers.

System Look-up. Farmers who did not receive e-voucher link or sms notification may inquire through the system lookup if their voucher is ready. DA-ICTS will include in the voucher management platform a mechanism to use beneficiary name and RSBSA number to check voucher availability.. The farmer beneficiary shall present valid identification together with RSBSA number to the dealer, distributor, or FCA to facilitate searching voucher availability (*Refer to Annex B: List of Acceptable IDs*).

6. Farmer-beneficiaries shall personally bring the printed voucher, the reference code, the QR code, or RSBSA number together with proof of identification to accredited partner fertilizer dealers, distributors or FCAs, in purchasing fertilizer.
7. Transactions may be conducted either online or offline with the following process:
 - a. **Online Transaction**
Accredited partner dealers, distributors, and FCAs shall scan the voucher code or input the reference number or the beneficiary name.

Details reflected on the system shall be validated with the documents presented. Once verified, the transaction may be continued and voucher value shall be deducted to the farmer's payable. Farmer-beneficiaries will sign the voucher utilization masterlist (*Refer to Annex A-3*)

The voucher is good for a single transaction only, thus its value should be consummated at once. Should the total value of purchase fall below the value of the voucher, the beneficiary may opt to add fertilizer on a per kilogram basis to consummate the total amount of the voucher. Should the value of the fertilizer or the farmer's purchase exceed the value of the voucher, the farmer-beneficiary shall shoulder the excess amount.

b. Offline Transaction

For areas with weak internet connectivity, a separate issuance to facilitate offline transactions shall be provided.

8. Dealers, distributors, and FCAs shall provide an official receipt/charge invoice for the transaction where the voucher was used. This shall be uploaded to the system together with other proof of transaction including (1) picture of beneficiary's ID, (2) picture of the farmer with purchased fertilizer, and (3) picture of the farmer's signature. Completion of this process is required for the transactions to be considered successful.

Should the dealers, distributors, or FCAs opt to issue charge invoice prior to the payment of the voucher, it could be uploaded in the system and be used for payment purposes but an official receipt must be issued should the voucher payment have been settled.

Original copy of official receipts and signed voucher utilization masterlist (*Refer to Annex A-3*) shall be submitted to the concerned LGUs as liquidation documents. LGUs will then forward these documents to DA-RFO for safekeeping.

9. Successfully uploaded transactions will be automatically recorded in the DA-ICTS system. All daily transactions recorded by the cut off time of 7PM shall be processed for forwarding to the GFI for payment not later than 10AM the next banking day. For transactions made on Friday to Sunday, it shall be forwarded to the GFI for payment on Monday. Should Monday fall on a holiday, the list of transactions will be forwarded to the GFI for payment the next banking day.



10. All transactions received and processed by GFI before 12PM shall be processed for payment within the day. Should the dealer opt for credit to account in the GFI, payment would be reflected the same day. Should the dealer opt for credit to a different bank account or cash pick-up, payment would be reflected or would be made available the next banking day. For credit to a different bank account or cash pick-up, transaction fees incurred would be borne by the dealer.

VI. ROLES OF PARTICIPATING AGENCIES/UNITS

A. DA- RRP Management Office

1. Spearhead the overall coordination of the RRP II.
2. Conduct briefing to all DA-RFOs, partner agencies, and other involved stakeholders in the implementation of the RRP II.
3. Facilitate compliance of program documentary requirements.
4. Collect and safekeep program documents.
5. Submit regular reports to the Office of the Secretary.
6. Identify, analyze and provide recommendations on operational bottlenecks of the Project.
7. Conduct monitoring of the Project.
8. Submit a terminal report to the Office of the Secretary.

B. DA-ICTS

1. Provide access to the Voucher Management Platform.
2. Clean and crossmatch submitted beneficiary list and provide reviewed list to RFO.
3. Store beneficiary database.
4. Generate settlement report of claimed vouchers and forward to GFI for payments.

C. DA-Regional Field Offices

1. Activate the established Rice Resiliency Project Management Office or Task Force, and ensure that private sector representatives (Agri-Fishery Council, RiceBoard members, and fertilizer companies, dealers, distributors, FCAs among others) are included in the regional RRP Task Force.
2. Conduct project briefing to Local Government Units (provincial and municipal/city) and ensure that the implementing guidelines are well understood by all concerned offices and personnel such as Provincial Agriculturist (PA), Municipal/City Agriculturist (MA/CA) and Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs).
3. Conduct target setting in coordination with the PA/MA/CA.
4. Establish the baseline data to be able to measure the effectiveness of the provided interventions. RFOs, during distribution, shall gather information on the previous dry and wet cropping seasons



- yield level to establish the baseline, which shall be utilized in measuring the efficacy of the provided support.
5. Conduct the procurement for the certified and hybrid seeds. DA-RFOs shall conduct the procurement process through competitive bidding, ensuring that stipulations and provisions under Republic Act No. 9184 are strictly followed and guidelines during the CY 2020 wet season will be followed.
 6. Spearhead the project implementation in their respective areas of responsibility. They shall prepare pertinent project documents that would be used in the project implementation such as localized guidelines, masterlist forms, information materials, and production guides, among others. They shall coordinate with the Local Government Units (LGUs) and Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) including the private sector in the conduct of briefings and massive information dissemination to the project beneficiaries using tools and employing measures that conforms to the social distancing protocols.
 7. Oversee and ensure the positioning and distribution of the seeds to target provinces, cities and municipalities based on the planting calendar.
 8. Ensure that the suppliers and its personnel handling the seed distribution must secure permits, passes and other pertinent documents from DA to ensure smooth delivery of goods. Prior coordination with the LGUs and other relevant IATF agencies on the enforcement of IATF resolution considering agricultural workers as frontliners must also be conducted to ensure the project's delivery schedule and implementation would not encounter delays.
 9. Accredite partner fertilizer dealers, distributors, and FCAs who would accept voucher transactions.
 10. Facilitate support activities for fertilizer subsidy to include (1) collection seed beneficiary masterlist from LGUs and preparation of the digital copy of the masterlist, (2) forward the transaction file to DA-ICTS, (3) endorse the cleaned version of the transaction file, and (4) collect and keep the liquidation documents from the accredited partner dealers, distributors, and FCAs.
 11. Coordinate with the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) and LGUs to conduct massive information dissemination to encourage farmers to utilize fertilizer subsidy in procuring additional fertilizer over than their usual usage to realize the maximum benefits of the fertilizer support in increasing productivity.
 12. Craft the specific mechanics for the RRP II incentive scheme.
 13. Develop supplemental guidelines if necessary.



D. Agricultural Training Institute (ATI)

1. Assist the DA-RFOs in the conduct of massive information dissemination on the program and promote use of fertilizer subsidy to increase their fertilizer application rate and maximize the potential of high-yielding technology.

E. Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA)

1. Provide the FPA monitored price per province to the RRP Director and the Regional Executive Directors
2. Conduct the analysis of the fertilizer or authorize any government laboratory to conduct the said test following the FPA standards and regulations.

F. Provincial LGU

1. Assist in the conduct of massive information dissemination of the program and promote utilization of fertilizer subsidy for increasing their fertilizer application rate.
2. Assist the DA-RFO in setting the targets of the participating municipalities
3. Coordinate with RFO and M/CLGUs regarding the schedule of delivery of seeds and distribution of fertilizer vouchers to drop-off points in the province or municipalities.
4. Supervise the distribution of inputs to farmers in the province.
5. Consolidate reports from MLGUs for submission to DA-RFO.

G. Municipal LGU through Office of Municipal/City Agriculturist (MA/CA)

1. Assist in the conduct of massive information dissemination of the program and promote utilization of fertilizer subsidy for increasing their fertilizer application rate.
2. Prepare the masterlist of seed farmer-beneficiaries, and ensure timely submission to DA-RFO as it will also be used as a basis for identifying fertilizer subsidy recipients.
3. Coordinate with DA-RFOs, through the supervision of the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPag), to ensure that farmer-beneficiaries shall receive vouchers or reference numbers for fertilizer subsidy.
4. Collect liquidation documents from local fertilizer dealers, distributors, and FCAs and submit it to DA-RFO.
5. Ensure the utilization of provided inputs by conducting periodic monitoring based on the locality's planting and fertilizer application schedule.
6. Submit monitoring reports containing data on planting and fertilizer weekly and terminal reports containing beneficiaries' yield by the end of the season.

H. Participating/Accredited Fertilizer Dealers, distributors, and FCAs

1. Dealers, distributors, and FCAs shall capture/scan the voucher barcode and provide an official receipt for the transaction where the voucher was used.
2. Collect original copy of official receipts and signed voucher utilization masterlist (*Refer to Annex A-3*), and send it to LGU as part of liquidation documents.

VII. INCENTIVE SCHEME

The DA, through the RFOs, will give incentives to PLGUs that can substantially increase their production above the base level targeted under the project (5% increase in production growth per province). The base level would be the production level during the 2019-2020 dry cropping season. Incentives shall be in the form of projects such as, but not limited to, machineries, drying facilities, Rice Processing Center and warehouses.

A separate issuance on the details of this incentive scheme such as criteria and mechanics shall be provided.

VIII. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The MA/CA, through the assigned LGU-Agricultural Technician/Local Farmer Technician (LFT) in the area shall undertake gathering of necessary data, assisted by the DA-RFO and PA. The scheme used by PhilRice will be followed in monitoring and evaluating the success of RRP on incremental yield.

The reporting, monitoring and evaluation system shall be led by the DA-Field Programs Coordination and Monitoring Division (FPCMD). Reports shall be submitted to the Office of the RRP Director and to the Office of the Secretary, complete with observations and/or recommendations.

IX. SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDELINES

The DA-RFOs are hereby authorized to formulate detailed supplementary guidelines to address peculiar situations per region. These supplemental guidelines shall be subject to the approval of the Undersecretary for Operations prior to implementation.

All previous issuances including supplemental guidelines of RFOs inconsistent herewith are superseded by this Memorandum Order and this shall take effect upon approval and remain valid until revoked in writing by competent authority.

X. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

If any clause, sentence, or provision of the Memorandum Order shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.



XI. REPEALING CLAUSE

All previous orders, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with or contrary to this Memorandum Order are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

XII. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE

This Memorandum Order shall take effect immediately upon publication on the official website of DA.

Done this 12th day of October, 2020.



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