



Republic of the Philippines  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**  
Elliptical Road, Diliman  
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**SPECIAL ORDER**  
NO. 791  
Series of 2020

**SUBJECT : CREATION OF DA-OSEC SPECIAL INVESTIGATION UNIT "Isumbong Mo Kay Manong Willie", ITS COMPOSITION, FUNCTIONS, AND RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER COMPLAINT PLATFORMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

In the interest of the service, there is hereby created a **Department of Agriculture – Special Investigation Unit (DSI or "Isumbong Mo Kay Manong Willie")** to further assist the Secretary of Agriculture in the exercise of its power, in accordance with Section 7(5), Chapter 2, Book IV of Executive Order No. 292 (Administrative Code of 1987), to wit:

"Exercise disciplinary powers over officers and employees under the Secretary, in accordance with law, including their investigation and the designation of a committee or officer to conduct such investigation."

The DSI shall investigate DA staff and its stakeholders' complaints about graft and corruption allegations involving staff of DA, its bureaus, and attached agencies. The DSI shall report directly to the Secretary.

#### **I. COMPOSITION**

##### **A. Head Investigator**

1. Leocadio S. Sebastian  
Chief of Staff

##### **B. Special Investigators**

1. Atty. Cipriano G. Santiago (OSEC)
2. Atty. Jamil Adrian Khalil L. Matalam (OSEC)
3. Dr. Oscar Jhan Cabanayan (OSEC)

##### **C. Administrative Support**

1. Ma. Rizalin B. Berdulaga

#### **II. FUNCTIONS AND POWERS**

##### **A. The following are the functions and powers of the Special Investigation Unit:**

1. Receive complaints against the officers and employees of the Department of Agriculture.

  
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2. Receive forwarded complaints from different complaint desks or platforms of the Department of Agriculture, its Bureaus and attached Agencies.
3. Review submitted and forwarded complaints for further appropriate actions and recommendations.
4. Conduct investigation regarding the complaints received by the Unit or forwarded to it.
5. Conduct investigation of possible corrupt practices and other infractions of the officers and employees of the Department, its Bureaus, and attached Agencies as instructed by the Secretary.
6. Recommend legal actions, not limited to filing a complaint in the appropriate Government agencies or Courts.
7. Coordinate with offices and services of the Department, its Bureau, and attached Agencies.
8. Coordinate with other government agencies, such as the Office of the Ombudsman, Civil Service Commission, Commission on Audit, Presidential Anti-Corruption Commission, National Bureau of Investigation.
9. File necessary legal actions and other legal remedies, as approved by the Secretary, to the appropriate offices or services under the Department of Agriculture and other government agencies.

### **III. RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER COMPLAINT PLATFORMS OF THE DEPARTMENT**

- A. Complaints involving graft and corruption received by other complaint platforms under the Department, its Bureaus, and attached Agencies shall be forwarded to the DSI.
- B. Graft and corruption complaints and/or with their recommendations, received by the DSI, may be forwarded to the National Bureau of Investigation for a joint investigation, to the Presidential Anti-Corruption Commission or the Office of the Ombudsman for further action.

The members of the Special Investigation Unit shall be entitled to travelling allowance, per diems and other incidental expenses that may be incurred in the performance of their functions, duties and other responsibility, chargeable against OSEC funds, subject to existing government accounting and auditing rules and procedures.

  
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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 the Special Investigation Unit in the performance of their functions and responsibilities.

Done this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020.

  
WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.  
Secretary 

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