



Republic of the Philippines  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**  
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**SPECIAL ORDER**

No. 290

Series of 2021

**SUBJECT: RECOMPOSITION OF THE SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY FOCAL GROUP**

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In the exigency of service, the composition of the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Focal Group (SPS FG) is hereby reconstituted, as follows:



**CHAIR:** ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR REGULATIONS  
**CO-CHAIR:** ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR POLICY, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT/ DIRECTOR, POLICY RESEARCH SERVICE (PRS)

**CORE MEMBERS:**

1. DIRECTOR, Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI)
2. DIRECTOR, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR)
3. DIRECTOR, Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI)
4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS)
5. SPS NATIONAL CONTACT POINT, PRS - Food, Agriculture and Fisheries Policy Division (PRS-FAFPD)

**MEMBERS:**

1. Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI)
  - Head, National Veterinary Quarantine Services Division (NVQSD)
  - Head, Animal Feeds, Veterinary Drugs and Biologics Control Division (AFVDBCD),
  - Head, Animal Health and Welfare Division (AHWD)
  - Head, Veterinary Laboratory Division (VLD)
2. Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR)
  - Head, Fisheries Inspection and Quarantine Division (FIQD)
  - Head, National Fisheries Laboratory Division (NFLD)
3. Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI)
  - Head, National Plant Quarantine Services Division (NPQSD)
  - Head, Plant Product Safety Services Division (NPSSD)
4. National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS)
  - Head, Meat Import and Export Division (MIED)
  - Head, Laboratory Division (LD)
  - Head, Meat Standard Development and Consumer Protection Division (MSDCPD)

  
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5. Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS)
  - Head, Standards Development Division
  - Head, Technical Services Division
  - Head, Laboratory Services Division
6. Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA)
  - Duly designated focal person by the Office of the Deputy Administrator for Regulations
7. National Dairy Authority (NDA)
  - Duly designated focal person by the Office of the Administrator
8. Philippine Fiber Industry Development Authority (PhilFIDA)
  - Head, Regulatory Division
9. National Tobacco Administration (NTA)
  - Head, Regulation Department
10. Policy Research Service (PRS)
  - Duly designated representative from the Food, Agriculture, and Fisheries Policy Division
11. Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA)
  - Head, Fertilizer Regulations Division
  - Head, Pesticide Regulations Division
  - Head, Laboratory Services Division
12. Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA)
  - Head, Trade and Market Development Department
  - Head, Laboratory Services Division
13. Food Development Center (FDC)
  - Duly designated focal person by the Office of the Director
14. Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Service (AMAS)
  - Head, Market Development Division
  - Head, Agribusiness Industry Support Division
15. Field Operation Service (FOS)
  - Head, Field Programs Coordination and Monitoring Division
  - Representative, Office of the Director, FOS



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**AUXILIARY MEMBERS:**

1. Chief, PRS-International Affairs Division
2. Duly designated focal person from the National Codex Organization
3. Coordinator, Food Safety Focal Group
4. Coordinator, Harmonization of DA Regulatory Laboratory Services
5. Director or duly designated representative from the Agriculture Commodity Examination Area (ACEA) Project
6. Duly designated focal person, Food and Drug Administration, DOH

**SECRETARIAT:**

1. Office of Assistant Secretary for Regulations
2. Policy Research Service (PRS)

As provided for in DA Administrative Order No. 10, series of 2017, the SPS FG shall perform the following duties and responsibilities:


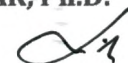
- Facilitate effective coordination on SPS issues, policies and activities;
- Develop country position on SPS issues discussed at various international fora;
- Harmonize and work towards strengthening the delivery of SPS regulatory services and related activities, including those in fulfillment of international commitments and obligations; and
- Perform other duties and responsibilities as directed by the Secretary.

The SPS FG shall be under the oversight of the Undersecretary for Policy and Planning and Undersecretary for Regulations.

Special Order (SO) No. 1199 Series of 2017 and all other issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

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

Signed on 22nd day of APRIL 2021.

  
**WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.**  
Secretary 

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
  
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