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SUBJECT: CREATION OF A TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP FOR THE FORMULATION OF THE NEW RICE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

In view of the need to formulate a new rice classification system in monitoring rice prices since the old classification system is no longer relevant after the passage of the Rice Tariffication Law (RTL) and in order to better measure rice inflation in the country, a Technical Working Group (TWG) that will examine and recommend the most appropriate rice classification system in the country and will guide the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) in gathering rice prices and rice-related data in the future is hereby created. The composition of the TWG are as follows:

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Representative, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP)
Representative, International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)
Representative, DA Legal Service
Representatives, Private Sector (2)

Secretariat: Ms. Amparo C. Ampil and Staff of FAFPD, PRS

The TWG shall perform the following tasks:

1. Conduct a brief review of the literature on rice preferences and rice classification landscape of other countries;
2. Review the current methodology in collecting rice price data, including rice consumption in the Family Income and Expenditure Survey (FIES);
3. Formulate the new rice classification system that will guide future data gathering on rice prices and other rice-related concerns taking into consideration the difficulties currently encountered by PSA in gathering rice-related data; and
4. Submit recommendation to the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture (DA) on the new rice classification system for endorsement to the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)-PSA Board;
5. Submit its report to the Secretary **on or before October 31, 2021**; and
6. Perform other tasks as needed.

The Secretariat shall take the lead in the preparation and writing of the draft and final reports.

This Order shall take effect immediately. All orders and issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 15th of September 2021.


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