



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT : CREATION OF A TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) TO REVIEW PROTOCOLS AND ISSUANCES ON IMPORTATION OF AGRI-FISHERY COMMODITIES

In the exigency of service and in order to improve the nation's borders against the entry of possible risks that may affect the agri-fishery sector of the country, the following personnel from the different Food Safety Regulatory Agencies shall form a Technical Working Group (TWG) that will review existing protocols and issuances on importation of agri-fishery commodities, to wit:

Chairperson: Assistant Secretary Liza G. Battad
Regulations

Vice Chairperson: Assistant Secretary Federico Laciste, Jr.
DA-Wide Field Inspectorate

Agency:	Representatives:
Bureau of Animal Industry	Dr. Nancy Abes Dr. Abbie Uy
Bureau of Plant Industry	Mr. Joselito Antioquia Ms. Esperanza Uy Ms. Joan May Tolentino Ms. Noreen Escobar
Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources	Dr. Joselito Somga Mr. Mario Trio
National Meat Inspection Service	Dr. Cheryl Rose Cayad-an Mr. Paul Bayog

The TWG shall have the following duties and functions:

1. Review existing relevant Issuances on Importation of Agri-fishery Commodities;
2. Craft Comprehensive Guidelines in improving and harmonizing the Importation Protocols for Agri-Fishery commodities;
3. Coordinate and consult with concerned agencies (e.g., Bureau of Customs, Local Government Units, etc.) in reviewing their respective issuances that may coincide DA-crafted Guidelines and Implementation;
4. Perform other duties and responsibilities as directed by the Secretary.

All expenses to be incurred for the conduct of the activities related to the performance of the duties and functions shall be chargeable against the funds of their respective offices and other incidental expenses against DA funds, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until revoked. All other orders and memoranda inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 2nd day of November 2021.

WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.

Secretary



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with empowered and prosperous farmers and fisherfolk

