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SUBJECT: CREATION OF AN INTER-AGENCY TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON THE HARMONIZATION OF SYSTEMS AND PROCEDURES FOR PLANT VARIETY REGISTRATION AND PROTECTION

For the effective implementation of Republic Act 7308 or the Seed Industry Development Act of 1992 and Republic Act 9168 or the "Philippine Plant Variety Protection Act of 2002" and in compliance with Republic Act 11032 or the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018, an **Inter-Agency Technical Working Group (Inter-Agency TWG)** is hereby created to **harmonize and streamline the current systems and procedures relative to plant variety registration and protection.**

The Inter-Agency TWG shall be composed of the following:

CHAIRPERSON: DR. VIVENCIO R. MAMARIL, Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS)

VICE-CHAIRPERSON: MR. NESTOR C. ALTOVEROS, Institute of Plant Breeding (IPB), University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB)

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The TWG shall establish a harmonized guideline on varietal testing to ensure fast and efficient delivery of service to the public. The TWG shall submit its report to the National Plant Variety Protection Board (NPVPB) and National Seed Industry Council (NSIC) on or before February 28, 2022.

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The expenses to be incurred relative to the performance of the functions, duties, and responsibilities of the TWG shall be chargeable against NSIC funds, subject to usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately and remain in force until the completion of the assigned task. All orders and memoranda inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked

Done this 20th day of December 2021.



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Secretary



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