



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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SPECIAL ORDER

No. 158

Series of 2022

SUBJECT : AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE SERIES OF ORIENTATION-SEMINARS ON TRADE REMEDIES, FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS AND DISCIPLINES ON AGRICULTURAL TRADE

In the exigency of service, authority is hereby granted to all concerned personnel of the Department of Agriculture to conduct and/or participate in the Orientation-Seminars on Trade Remedies, Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and Disciplines on Agriculture Trade to take place in the following key areas:

Host Province	Tentative Schedule (2022)	No. of Participants
Ilocos Norte	April 19-22, 2022	75
Oriental Mindoro	June 21-24, 2022	75
Zamboanga	August 9-12, 2022	75
Rizal	October 11-14, 2022	75
Benguet	November 8-11, 2022	75

The series of orientation-seminars aims to equip the participants with knowledge on: 1) principles of World Trade Organization (WTO); 2) existing Free Trade Agreements (FTA) in force & on-going negotiations; 3) available trade remedy measures (anti-dumping, countervailing and safeguards); and 4) disciplines and tools on agricultural trade such as rules of origin (ROO), operational certification procedure (OCP), and sanitary & phytosanitary (SPS) measures. Learning these principles will help DA personnel and agri-fishery stakeholders to know more about international trade.

The said orientation-seminars will be participated in by the following:

DA Personnel: Mr. Noel A. Padre, DA-PRS, *Director, Policy Research Service*
Ms. Tisha Pia E. De La Rosa, DA-PRS-MEPD, *Division Chief*
Ms. Katrin R. Mares, DA-PRS-MEPD, *DMO IV*
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Representatives from Food, Agriculture and Fisheries Policy
Division (PRS-FAFPD)
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Other Offices: Other government agencies (DTI, Tariff Commission, BOC, PSA, etc.) as participants, private sector stakeholders (agri-fishery producers, exporters, importers, manufacturers and other agri-fishery organizations) and local government unit officers, which are involve in agri-fishery businesses and domestic and international trading.

In relation to this, the following are authorized to attend and act as resource persons/speaker in these activities:

Representative	Topics to Present
1. Representatives from DTI Bureau of International Trade Relations (BITR)	Country's Free Trade Agreements
2. Representatives from DTI Bureau of Import Services (BIS)	a. Philippine National Trade Repository b. Introduction to the WTO Trade Remedies, Philippine Laws on Trade Remedies and Preliminary Investigation: Conduct & Management of Trade Remedies in the Philippines
3. Representatives from the Tariff Commission	a. Tariff Classification for Agricultural Products b. Formal Investigation: Practices of Philippines on Trade Remedies
4. Representatives from the Bureau of Customs	Operational Certification Procedure: Customs Procedure
5. Philippine Association of Flour Millers, Inc. (PAFMIL)	Investigation: Lesson from Philippine Anti-Dumping Measures on Turkish Wheat Flour (Petitioner's Perspective)

Travelling expenses and per diem of the participants shall be charged against their respective agencies/offices/regions concerned. Travelling expenses of resource speakers, travelling expenses and per diem of DA Policy Office staff and expenses to be incurred for the duration of the activities, including food, venue, accommodation, supplies and materials and other incidental expenses shall be charged against the Remedies Fund. All expenses incurred in the conduct of these activities are subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

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

Done this 3rd day of March 2022.


WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.
 Secretary

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