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SPECIAL ORDER

No. 355

Series of 2022

SUBJECT : CREATION OF THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP TASKED TO INSTITUTIONALIZE A MECHANISM AND DEVELOP MITIGATION MEASURES TO PREVENT THE POSSIBLE ENTRY OF NEW LEAF FALL (PESTALOTIOPSIS) DISEASE IN RUBBER

In the exigency of service and to facilitate the implementation of "Institutionalize a Mechanism and Develop Mitigation Measure to Prevent the Possible Entry of New Leaf Fall (*Pestalotiopsis*) Disease in Rubber", a Technical Working Group is hereby created and shall be composed of the following:

I. TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

Chairperson : Director, DA-Philippine Rubber Research Institute (PRRI)

Members : BPI-National Plant Quarantine Services Division
DA-High Value Crops Development Program (HVCDP)
DA-Bureau of Agricultural Research (BAR)
DA-RFO IX Research Division
DOST - Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCAARRD)
University of Southern Mindanao (USM) - Kabacan
Jose Rizal Memorial State University (JRMSU)
Representatives from the private sector

Duties & Responsibilities:

1. Review/revisit the current Plant Quarantine Implementing Guidelines;
2. Conduct study to address the threat (possible entry) of *Pestalotiopsis* Leaf Fall Disease in rubber; and
3. Provide policy recommendations/interventions/programs/activities on the efficient prevention and control management strategies on insect pests and diseases of rubber;
4. Coordinate with other government agencies, other technical experts, and other rubber stakeholders for other policy support mechanism.

II. SECRETARIAT : DA - Philippine Rubber Research Institute (PRRI)

Expenses to be incurred in the conduct of activities related to the performance of the functions and assigned tasks shall be charged against the PRRI funds, subject to its availability and the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.





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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 2nd day of May 2022


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Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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