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SPECIAL ORDER


No. 439

Series of 2022

SUBJECT: CREATION OF AN INTER-AGENCY TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP FOR THE UPDATING OF DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. 04, SERIES OF 2017, "ACCREDITATION GUIDELINES FOR AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES MACHINERY TESTING CENTER"

Department Circular (DC) No. 4, Series of 2017 sets the guidelines for the accreditation of higher education institutions, government or private entities as agricultural and fisheries machinery testing centers. To effectively implement this circular, there is a need to review and update the guideline in order to provide accessible, reliable, ethical and competent testing centers for agricultural and fisheries machinery. As such, an **INTER-AGENCY TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (INTER-AGENCY TWG) FOR THE UPDATING OF THE GUIDELINES ON THE ACCREDITATION OF AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES MACHINERY** is hereby created and shall be composed of the following:

Agency	Permanent Representative	Alternate Representative
Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice)	Dr. Arnold S. Juliano	Dr. Elmer G. Bautista
DA-Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fisheries (PCAF)	Engr. Francia M. Macalintal	Engr. Czarlemagne M. Geronimo Engr. Mara Segreid C. Bustos
Food and Drug Administration (FDA)	Ms. Caroline C. Duller	Ms. Haydee B. Guanio
Department of Agriculture - Regional Field Office II (DA-RFO II)	Engr. Eva V. Eslava	Engr. Daisy C. Saldo
Department of Agriculture - Regional Field Office VIII (DA-RFO VIII)	Engr. Renato N. Payod	Engr. Jay C. Rebayno
Department of Agriculture - Regional Field Office XI (DA-RFO XI)	Engr. Ana Lee I. Manaopanao	Engr. Rosie Lyn B. Lupiba
University of the Philippines	Engr. Fatima Joy J. Raytana	Engr. Glory Yster M. Reginio

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Los Baños – Agricultural Machinery Testing and Evaluation Center (UPLB-AMTEC)		
Mindanao Agricultural Machinery Industry Association (MAMIA)	Mr. Denmar Perez	Mr. Julius Dela Cruz
Philippine Society of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering (PSABE)	Representative	Representative
Secretariat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engr. Janice P. Vargas • All SRED-ARS Staff 		

The Inter-Agency TWG shall have the following functions, duties and responsibilities:

1. Conduct review and provide inputs for the updating of DC No. 04, Series of 2017;
2. Attend Inter-Agency TWG meetings;
3. Facilitate, conduct, and participate in the island-wide and national public consultations, forums and workshops to generate inputs and comments necessary for the finalization of the guideline;
4. Come up with an updated guideline on the accreditation of agricultural and fisheries machinery testing center; and
5. Perform other relevant tasks as needed.

The Inter-Agency TWG shall designate its Team Leader and Vice Team Leader. The Team Leader shall preside the meetings and oversee the tasks and activities of the TWG. The Vice Team Leader may take over in the absence of the Team Leader.

Expenses to be incurred by the Inter-Agency TWG in the performance of their functions, duties and responsibilities such as food, transportation, and accommodation shall be charged against BAFE funds, subject to availability of funds and the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

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

Done this 2nd of June 2022.



WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.

Secretary

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