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SPECIAL ORDER

No. 440

Series of 2022

SUBJECT: CREATION OF AN INTER-AGENCY TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP FOR THE UPDATING OF DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. 05, SERIES OF 2017 AS AMENDED BY DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. 10, SERIES OF 2018, "THE NATIONAL GUIDELINES ON TESTING AND EVALUATION OF AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES MACHINERY "

Article V. Section of Republic Act No. 10601 or the "Agricultural and Fisheries Mechanization (AFMech) Law" states that agricultural and fisheries machinery and equipment to be sold in the market should pass through testing and evaluation by Agricultural Machinery Testing and Evaluation Center (AMTEC) in accordance with the national policies and guidelines to be promulgated by the Secretary. Pursuant to this, Department Circular (DC) No. 05, Series of 2017, as amended were issued. This Circular set forth the guidelines on testing and evaluation of agricultural and fisheries machinery. To address the issues and concerns in the implementation of this guideline and to effectively implement it, there is need to review and update the guideline to ensure quality, safety and compliance to standards and specifications of machinery and equipment supplied in the market. As such, an **INTER-AGENCY TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP FOR THE UPDATING OF DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. 05, SERIES OF 2017 AS AMENDED** is hereby created and shall be composed of the following:

Agency	Permanent Representative	Alternate Representative
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 -	Engr. Ana Lee I. Manaopanao	Engr. Rosie Lyn B. Lupiba

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Regional Field Office XI (DA-RFO XI)		
University of the Philippines Los Baños – Agricultural Machinery Testing and Evaluation Center (UPLB-AMTEC)	Dr. Arthur L. Fajardo	Engr. Fatima Joy J. Raytana
Mindanao Agricultural Machinery Industry Association (MAMIA)	Mr. Denmark Perez	Mr. Julius Dela Cruz
Agricultural Machinery Manufacturers and Distributors Associations (AMMDA)	Mr. Joel R. Panagsagan	Mr. Rudolfo A. Tamayo
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. 05, Series of 2017 as amended;
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 testing and evaluation of agricultural and fisheries machinery; 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.



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This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force unless otherwise 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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