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DEPARTMENT ORDER

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SUBJECT: TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR DA INSPECTORATE AND ENFORCEMENT

Agri-fishery smuggling endangers not only the livelihood of our farmers and fisherfolk, but also threatens the health and safety of the consumers due to the influx of food products that did not undergo proper quality control and inspection. Moreover, the proliferation of smuggled food products drives the market prices down, discouraging local food production. Such a phenomenon has weakened the agricultural sector resulting in the decline in food security and food safety.

With the Department of Agriculture serving as the National Food Safety and Food Security Agency, the Office of Assistant Secretary for DA Inspectorate and Enforcement was created to curb agricultural smuggling and price manipulation as economic sabotage to ensure food safety and food security, promote fair trade, and protect the livelihood and well-being of our farmers and fisherfolk.

As such, the Assistant Secretary for DA Inspectorate and Enforcement shall have the following mandates:

- I. Enforcement and Agricultural Smuggling Interdiction
 - a. Lead the Department's efforts against agricultural smuggling in consistent with Anti-Agricultural Smuggling Act of 2016 (R.A. No. 10845) and Food Safety Act of 2013 (R.A. No. 10611).
 - b. Investigate regulatory and policy violations, and provide assistance in law enforcement and prosecution of cases.
 - c. Recommend and provide inputs on the enhancement of existing regulations, standards, and procedures related to the implementation of the aforementioned laws and other related issuances.

- II. Agri-fishery Economic Intelligence
 - a. Conduct intelligence operations on illegal activities that impede agricultural development and violate regulatory policies that negatively impact the national economy.

- b. Conduct document tracking, commodity monitoring, and field inspection to deter profiteering, price manipulation and hoarding pursuant to R.A. No. 7581 "The Price Act" as amended by R.A. No. 10623.
- c. Facilitate the digitalization of all DA Trade Transactions to establish an information fusion center for intelligence, investigation, and economic analytics.

III. Field Inspectorate

- a. Conduct of field visits for the monitoring and validation of all the programs and projects specially the priority programs and activities (PAPs) of the Department of Agriculture, ensuring that these are being implemented in accordance with operational plans and guidelines, including proper fund utilization.
- b. Lead the preparation of Field Inspectorate Reports (FIR) and coordinate its result/s with regard to the compliance with the plans, systems, and procedures and provide recommendations on way forward for the Secretary's consideration.
- c. Conduct of various activities to strengthen the Department's engagement with agricultural stakeholders.
- d. Call upon any government agency to render assistance in the accomplishment of our mandates.

The Assistant Secretary for DA Inspectorate and Enforcement shall be under the general supervision of the Office of the Secretary.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain enforce until revoked. Special Order No. 578, series of 2020, Department Order No. 10, series of 2019, and all other Orders inconsistent hereto are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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