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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT : AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT AND ATTEND VARIOUS ACTIVITIES BY THE ORGANIC AGRICULTURE DIVISION OF THE BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES STANDARDS (BAFS) FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER CY 2023

In the interest of service, and in line with the provisions of the Republic Act (RA) No. 11511, otherwise known as "An Act Amending RA No.10068 or the Organic Agriculture Act of 2010", the Organic Agriculture Division of the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS) is hereby authorized to conduct the following activities from January to December 2023:

Title	Region	Month
I. Various Meetings		
1. Technical Working Groups (TWG) Meetings (Physical and Virtual)	NCR	January to December 2023
II. Data gathering, technical visits, validation/monitoring activities, and on-site and remote inspections and audits		
1. Audits (Office and witness; new and surveillance)	I, II, III, IV-A, IV-B, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, XIII, CAR, BARMM	January to December 2023
2. Farm Inspections (new and follow-up visits)		
3. Field visits of approved efficacy trials (organic bio-control agents) for compliance and conformity assessment		
4. Monitoring of registered and certified organic farms, input producers and products, and post-market surveillance		
III. Capability Building/Seminars/Workshops/Orientation		
1. Capability Building for Assessors and Inspectors (Physical and Virtual)	I, II, III, IV-A, IV-B, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, XIII, CAR, BARMM	January to December 2023
2. Seminar-Workshop on the Certification of Organic Bio-Control Agents Researchers	Region VII	May 2023

The following BAFS personnel are authorized to conduct and participate to the above-cited activities:

No.	Name of Personnel	Designation/Position
1	Dr. Vivencio R. Mamaril	Director
2	Ms. Mary Grace R. Mandigma	Assistant Director
3	Ms. Joeve S. Calleja	Chief Science Research Specialist
4	Mr. Mark F. Matubang	Supervising Science Research Specialist
5	Mr. Ronald John L. Lamano	Senior Science Research Specialist
6	Engr. Ibrahim A. Racmat	Senior Science Research Specialist
7	Ms. Vera Ysabel V. de la Cruz	Senior Science Research Specialist
8	Mr. Frederick C. Crisol	Planning Officer III
9	Mr. Vicente D. Limsan, Jr.	Science Research Specialist II
10	Ms. Geeza June V. Painaga	Science Research Specialist II
11	Mr. Jeffrey S. Garrido	Science Research Specialist II
12	Mr. Charlie T. Palilio	Science Research Specialist II
13	Mr. Jerson Raphael A. Bontogon	Science Research Specialist I
14	Ms. Moraine M. Sumague	Science Research Specialist I
15	Ms. Jenina B. Cusay	Science Research Specialist I
16	Mr. Jay El E. Bautista	Project Assistant IV
17	Mr. John Lawrence A. Arrogante	Science Research Specialist I
18	Ms. Clarisse Jill R. Guevara	Science Research Specialist I
19	Mr. Marc Owell A. Ama	Science Research Specialist I
20	Ms. Anna Dominique V. Cadsawan	Science Research Specialist I
21	Ms. Cris Venus F. Basas	Administrative Assistant V
22	Ms. May Ann B. Redulfa	Administrative Assistant V

Moreover, the following resource persons from the Philippine Accreditation Bureau of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI-PAB) are authorized to attend the above-mentioned activities:

No.	Name	Designation/Position
1	Ms. Ma. Juanita Carpio	Chief Trade and Industry Development Specialist
2	Ms. Mary Joan de Pablo	Supervising Trade and Industry Development Specialist

Likewise, BAFS personnel, Technical Working Group (TWG)/Committee Members, BAFS Pool of Inspectors and Assessors, BAFS Pool of Evaluators, and DA Pool of Experts who will serve as resource persons/speakers and the technical secretariat based on relevant Special Orders are hereby authorized to conduct and attend these activities.

Reimbursement and/or payment of food and accommodations, transportation fares, per diems, honoraria of non-DA personnel, venue, and vehicle rentals, supplies and materials, various laboratory analyses that will support the monitoring activities of the BAFS and other incidental expenses is hereby authorized chargeable against BAFS Regular Funds, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations. However, Regional Field Offices of the DA and their invited participants and members from the DA Food Safety Regulatory Agencies (DA-FSRA) may charge their travel expenses, per diems, and other identified expenses to their respective offices' Regular Funds or Organic Agriculture Funds.

This order shall remain in force unless revoked.

Done this 4th of January 2023.

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