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SUBJECT: AUTHORITY TO CLAIM MONTHLY COMMUNICATION ALLOWANCE FOR ALL POLICY RESEARCH SERVICE (PRS) STAFF

This is to authorize the following PRS staff to claim monthly communication allowance as prescribed in the Special Order No. 110, S. 2022 dated 15 February 2022, in order to facilitate effective communication in the performance of their duties and functions:

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Nature of work: To analyze, review, formulate policies; monitor policy compliance; provide oversight; and assist in the resolution of any policy issue. It takes the lead in formulating policy and addressing policy issues that are national in scope and involve public interest. A policy issue is an actual controversy or conflict arising from policy. It may be an emerging issue or simply a provision of law that runs conflict to a related law. Policy issues require research, analysis, identification of options for its resolution, and consultation with stakeholders. The ultimate aim of the work of the Service is to assist DA management and units in the resolution of these issues, particularly if the issues are of national scope and involve interest of the public.

Function: That will be strengthened with the creation of the Policy Research Service is the capacity to formulate, review, and analyze policy so that the Department can serve its mission to “provide the policy environment that is conducive to a competitive agriculture sector as a key to raising the quality of life’ and promoting food security, among others.

Food, Agriculture and Fisheries Policy Division (FAFPD)

Nature of work: The FAFPD reviews and assesses issues, and formulates recommendations related to an agriculture policy or an emerging policy.

Function: The FAFPD shepherds the formulation of policies and serves as an oversight body for policy implementation through technical working groups. The Division addresses policy issues that emanate from the country’s commitments to relevant international agreements related to its scope of work. The work of the FAFPD covers sustainable use and conservation of genetic resources, food safety, biosafety, sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) measures, intellectual property rights/geographical indications, biodiversity and related access and benefit-sharing. As these policy issues require multifaceted effort, the FAFPD coordinates with offices within the Department and with other government agencies in the course of the formulation of a recommendation or development of a policy.

Macroeconomic Policy Division (MEPD)

Nature of work: Responsible for formulating national agriculture policies on food security, sustainable development and agriculture resources management. The division deals with trade policy and trade remedy laws, macro-economic issues, such as fiscal incentives, taxation/tariffs, price policy and other fiscal policy issues, and provides technical support to the representative of the Department in various inter-agency meetings, such as CTRM, TCWM, TCTRM and the EDC, among others.

Function: (1) Reviews and provides recommendations/comments on various agri-fishery-related executive and legislative issuances to ensure their consistency with existing DA policies and international commitments; (2) spearheads and provides technical inputs to various agri-fishery concerns relevant to the delivery of the Department's mandates and functions; (3) serves as the core technical support group in the Department's engagement in multilateral, regional and bilateral free trade negotiations; (4) conducts sectoral consultations to harmonize existing agricultural policies with the Philippines' commitments in various international agreements; (5) provides technical support in inter-agency discussions on tariff and other trade-related matters.

International Affairs Division (IAD)

Nature of work: Coordinative, technical and substantive work related to the monitoring and implementation of the international commitments of the Department of Agriculture.

Function: The technical staff of the International Affairs Division (IAD) are responsible for the (1) provision of policy review and formulation support to the Department through research on international relations in the field of agriculture; (2) assistance in negotiation (diplomatic and substantive); (3) inter-office and international coordination; (4) organizing of international agricultural engagements (meetings, events, missions); and (5) management of records relating to the Department's international commitments.

The technical and liaison officers of the PRS coordinate with offices not only within the Department but also with other government agencies, embassies, private stakeholders and offices of the attaches abroad. They also provide assistance in the conduct of meetings and consultations with the agri-fishery stakeholders from the national to regional down to the municipal level. Further, they also act as protocol and liaison officers during visits of foreign delegations and missions to the country for agricultural concerns. Hence, it is imperative for them to claim monthly communication allowance to carry out the aforementioned activities as well as for them to effectively perform their above-mentioned duties and functions.

The allocation shall take effect retroactive January 3, 2023, chargeable against the PRS funds subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

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

Done this 1st day of February 2023.


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Senior Undersecretary

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