



**SPECIAL ORDER**

No. 160

Series of 2023

**SUBJECT : RECONSTITUTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA) ACCREDITATION REVIEW BODY (ARB) FOR FOREIGN MEAT ESTABLISHMENT (FME) ACCREDITATION**

Pursuant to DA Administrative Order (AO) No. 16 Series of 2006 "*The Pre-Border Measures for the Export of Meat and Meat Products into the Philippines*", and to properly update the constitution of the DA ARB for FMEs previously provided by DA Special Order (SO) No. 367 series of 2020, DA SO No. 873 series of 2018, and DA SO No. 445 Series of 2012, the composition of the DA ARB is hereby reconstituted to the following: :

**Chairperson** : Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and Regulations

**Members** : Director, Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI)  
Executive Director, National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS)  
Director, DA Legal Division (LD)  
Director, DA Policy Research Service (PRS)  
Director, Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS)

**Secretariat** : DA-NMIS (Lead Secretariat)  
DA-BAI  
DA-IAD

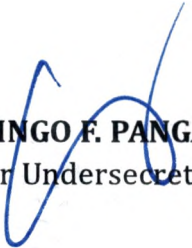
The Body shall perform the following:

1. Review the findings and recommendations of the DA Inspection Mission (DAIM);
2. Recommend to the Secretary the conditional, complete approval or denial of FME Accreditation Application;
3. If necessary, call on experts/resource persons to verify and validate the DAIM Reports;
4. The Secretariat will collate, create a database, and conduct an inventory of inspection reports submitted by the DAIM Team to conduct the audit of applicant countries and FME; and
5. The Lead Secretariat will prepare Notices of Meetings and Minutes of Meetings.

All of the above-named officials and staff are authorized to collect traveling expenses, per diems, and other incidental expenses chargeable against the funds of their respective offices subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until revoked in writing. All Orders and Memoranda, such as the abovementioned DA SOs, inconsistent herewith are deemed amended or revoked.

Done this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023.

  
**DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN**  
Senior Undersecretary



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