



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Elliptical Road, Diliman
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SPECIAL ORDER

No. **218**
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SUBJECT: DESIGNATION OF HERMINIGILDA A. GABERTAN, Ph.D. AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND PRODUCTION SUPPORT SERVICES and RUEL C. GESMUNDO AS OIC-ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR REGULATORY SERVICES IN CONCURRENT CAPACITY AS CHIEF, NATIONAL SEED QUALITY CONTROL SERVICES DIVISION (NSQCS) OF THE BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY (BPI)

In the exigency of service, the following are designated as **Assistant Director and OIC-Assistant Director** of the Bureau of Plant Industry:

- **HERMINIGILDA A. GABERTAN, Ph.D. as Assistant Director for Research, Development, and Production Support Services;**
- **RUEL C. GESMUNDO as OIC-Assistant Director for Regulatory Services in concurrent capacity as Chief, National Seed Quality Control Services Division (NSQCS) of the BPI**

Dr. Gabertan shall perform the functions, duties and responsibilities, inherent to research, development, and production support services while Mr. Gesmundo shall perform functions, duties, and responsibilities in relation to regulatory services and concurrent to his capacity as Chief of BPI-NSQCS.

Dr. Gabertan is entitled to RATA, travel expenses, per diems, and incidental expenses while Mr. Gesmundo is entitled to travel expenses, per diems, and incidental expenses that may be incurred in the performance of their functions, duties, and responsibilities chargeable against BPI funds and other available funds, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and procedures.

All officials and employees of the Department, including its Bureaus, Attached Agencies and Corporations, and Regional Field Offices are hereby advised of this designation and directed to give their full support and cooperation to them in the performance of their duties and responsibilities.

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

Done this 23rd day of February 2023.

DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN
Senior Undersecretary

