



**SPECIAL ORDER**

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**SUBJECT : AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE ORIENTATION-SEMINAR ON TRADE REMEDIES, FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS AND DISCIPLINES ON AGRICULTURAL TRADE TO BE HELD ON APRIL 11-14, 2023 IN BENGUET**

In the exigency of the service, the Policy Research Service (PRS) is hereby authorized to conduct the activity, "Orientation-Seminar on Trade Remedies, Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and Disciplines on Agriculture Trade" on April 11-14, 2023 in Benguet, Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR).

This orientation-seminar aims to increase the understanding of the participants on international trade, particularly on the: 1) principles of the World Trade Organization; 2) FTA in force and those under negotiations; 3) available trade remedy measures (anti-dumping, countervailing and safeguards); and 4) disciplines and tools on agricultural trade such as Rules of Origin, Operational Certification Procedure (OCP), and Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures.

The number of authorized participants of the orientation-seminar is one hundred (100), which composed of the following:

<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>PARTICIPANTS/INSTITUTIONS – NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</b>
Department of Agriculture	Undersecretary Mercedita A. Sombilla
	Dir. Noel A. Padre, <i>PRS</i>
	Ms. Tisha Pia E. De La Rosa, Macro Economic Policy Division (MEPD), <i>PRS</i>
	Ms. Katrin R. Mares, <i>MEPD, PRS</i>
	Ms. Sherlene A. de Torres, <i>MEPD, PRS</i>
	Ms. Ardibel S. Villanueva, <i>Food, Agriculture and Fisheries Policy Division (FAFPD), PRS</i>
	Mr. Joshua Israel V. Sumague, <i>FAFPD, PRS</i>
	Mr. Kurt Elias Yldefonso, <i>Office of the Director, PRS</i>
	Attached agencies and bureaus
	DA Regional Field Office CAR
Other DA Personnel as necessary (i.e driver)	
Other participants	Other government agencies (DTI, Tariff Commission, BOC, PSA, etc.), agri-fishery stakeholders (producers, exporters, importers, manufacturers and organizations), academe (e.g. State Universities) and Local Government Unit officers, which are involve in agri-fishery businesses and domestic and international trading.

	OFFICE	TOPIC/S
Resource persons	Representative, Bureau of International Trade Relations	Country's Free Trade Agreements
	Representative, DTI Bureau of Import Services	a. Introduction to the WTO Trade Remedies, Philippine Laws on Trade Remedies and Preliminary Investigation: Conduct and Management of Trade Remedies in the Philippines b. Philippine National Trade Repository
	Representative, Tariff Commission	a. Tariff Classification for Agricultural Products b. Formal Investigation: Practices of Philippines on Trade Remedies
	Representative, Bureau of Customs	OCP: Customs Procedure
	Representative, Food, Agriculture and Fisheries Policy Division	SPS Measures
	Representative, Bureau of Plant Industry	SPS Protocol: Plant and Plant Products
	Representative, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources	SPS Protocol: Fish and Fish Products
	Representative, Bureau of Animal Industry	SPS Protocol: Animals
	Representative, National Meat Inspection Service	SPS Protocol: Animals
	Representative, Philippine Association of Flour Millers, Inc. (PAFMIL)	Investigation: Lesson from Philippine Anti-Dumping Measures on Turkish Wheat Flour (Petitioner's Perspective)

All expenses to be incurred for the duration of the activity such as food, venue, accommodation, supplies and materials, and other incidental expenses, as well as traveling expenses of resource speakers and DA Policy Office staff shall be charged against the Remedies Fund, while traveling expenses and per diem of other participants shall be charged against their respective offices' funds, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force and considered revoked upon the completion of the activity. All orders, memoranda, and issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 6th day of March 2023.

  
**DOMINGO E. PANGANIBAN**  
Senior Undersecretary