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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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SPECIAL ORDER

No. 470
Series of 2023

SUBJECT : AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE SERIES OF ORIENTATION-SEMINARS ON TRADE REMEDIES, FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS AND DISCIPLINES ON AGRICULTURAL TRADE

In the exigency of 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" in the following key areas:

| Host Province | Tentative Schedule (2023) | No. of Participants |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Negros Oriental (Region VII) | May 30-June 2, 2023 | 100 |
| Bukidnon (Region X) | July 4-7, 2023 | 100 |
| Zamboanga (Region IX) | August 8-11, 2023 | 100 |
| Ilocos (Region I) | September 26-29, 2023 | 100 |

The series of orientation-seminars aims to increase the understanding of the participants on international trade, particularly on the: 1) principles of the World Trade Organization (WTO); 2) FTA in force & 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 (ROO), Operational Certification Procedure (OCP), and Sanitary & Phytosanitary (SPS) measures.

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

| OFFICE | PARTICIPANTS/INSTITUTIONS |
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| Department of Agriculture (resource speakers and secretariat) | Undersecretary Mercedita A. Sombilla |
| | Assistant Secretary Noel A. Padre |
| | Ms. Tisha Pia E. De La Rosa, Macro Economic Policy Division (MEPD), PRS |
| | Ms. Katrin R. Mares, MEPD, PRS |
| | Ms. Sherlene A. de Torres, MEPD, PRS |
| | Ms. Ardibel S. Villanueva, Food, Agriculture and Fisheries Policy Division (FAFPD), PRS |
| | Mr. Jomari C. Panaga, FAFPD, PRS |
| | Mr. Kurt Elias Yldefonzo, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Research and Development |
| | Trade Remedies Unit secretariat team |
| | Bureau of Plant Industry |
| | Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources |
| | Bureau of Animal Industry |
| National Meat Inspection Service | |



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| | Relevant DA Regional Field Office |
| Other government agencies/institution (resource speakers) | Representative, DTI Bureau of International Trade Relations |
| | Representatives, DTI Bureau of Import Services |
| | Representatives, Tariff Commission (TC) |
| | Representative, Bureau of Customs (BOC) |
| | Representatives, Philippine Association of Flour Millers, Inc. (PAFMIL) |
| Department of Agriculture (participants) | Office of the Assistant Secretary for Regulations |
| | Office of the Assistant Secretary for DA Inspectorate and Enforcement |
| | Relevant attached agencies and bureaus |
| | Relevant DA Regional Field Office |
| | Other DA Personnel as necessary |
| Other government agencies (participants) | DTI, TC, BOC, PSA, NEDA, Local Government Units (LGUs) etc. |
| Private sector (participants) | Agri-fishery stakeholders (producers, exporters, importers, manufacturers and cooperatives/organizations) |
| | Academe (e.g. State Universities) |

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 until revoked in writing. All orders, memoranda, and issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 24th day of April 2023.

DOMINGO E. PANGANIBAN
 Senior Undersecretary



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