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SUBJECT: RECONSTITUTION OF THE INTER-AGENCY TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (IATC) AND TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS (TWGs) ON INDIAN BUFFALO MEAT (IBM) IMPORTATION AND UTILIZATION

In the exigency of service and in view of the change of officials, the members of the Inter-agency Technical Committee (IATC) and Technical Working Groups (TWGs) on Indian Buffalo Meat (IBM) Importation and Utilization are hereby reconstituted as follows:

INTER-AGENCY TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (IATC)

Chairperson : **ASST. SEC. PAZ J. BENAVIDEZ II**, For Regulations
Vice Chairperson : **EXEC. DIR. CLARITA M. SANGCAL, DVM - NMIS**
Members : **DIR. PAUL C. LIMSON, DVM - BAI**
ASST. DIR. ARLENE ASTERIA V. VYTIACO, DVM - BAI
DEP. EXEC. DIR. ROBERTO S. UMALI, DVM - NMIS
DR. CHERYL ROSE B. CAYAD-AN, MDM - BAI
DR. JANUARY M. NONES - NMIS

Functions:

1. Review Resolutions for Indian Buffalo Meat (IBM) Allocation of Meat Importer Processors (MIPs) submitted by the Technical Working Group (TWG) evaluators;
2. Convene regular (bi-annual) and/or emergency meetings when deemed necessary;
3. Submit IATC Resolutions and Eligibility Certification for IBM Allocation of MIPs to the Office of the Secretary (OSEC) for approval;
4. Provides policy direction and assistance to the TWGs including review of the existing rules and regulations on IBM importation and utilization; and
5. Provides oversight on TWGs responsibilities and activities.

TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS (TWGs) and SECRETARIAT

Overall Chairperson : **DR. ROIE LEE N. CATALUÑA, MPM- NMIS**

A. IBM Allocation Evaluation Group

Members : **DR. MA. ANDREA ELLAINE LIAO-GO - BAI**

DR. VERNADETTE S. SANIDAD, MPM - NMIS
DR. THERESA P. WENCESLAO - NMIS
DR. GABRIEL RONNIE M. DIMAFILES - NMIS
DR. MARIEL R. REBOSURA - NMIS
DR. KAREN ANGELI D. EVANGELISTA - NMIS
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MS. MARIA LYN B. VILLARBA - NMIS
MR. JOSEPH BRYAN DEFE0 - NMIS
MR. JAKE ANTHONY B. PALENTINO - NMIS
MR. LEONARD PAUL P. BAYOG - NMIS
MR. VAN ALIEN P. BAYANI - NMIS
MS. IRIS ANGELI C. DAVID - NMIS

Functions:

1. TWG member/s from the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) shall be mainly responsible for:
 - a) timely provision of IBM importation data such as volume of IBM arrival from licensed IBM importers and other IBM related information; and
 - b) participation in IATC and TWG meetings.
2. The TWG members from the NMIS shall :
 - a) review documentary requirements of MIP applicants endorsed by the IBM Secretariat;
 - b) conduct onsite evaluation of meat processing plant (MPP) to assess MIPs eligibility for IBM allocation. In the event of an emergency or public health concern, remote or online evaluation can be an option;
 - c) submit evaluation report with recommended IBM allocation and TWG Resolution on time to the TWG Chairperson;
 - d) conduct monitoring activities to determine IBM utilization rate of respective MIPs; and
 - e) attend in IATC and TWG meetings.

B. Policy Research Group

Members : **DR. PAULO Q. SILARDE - NMIS**
DR. KARL PHILBERT S. OCAMPO - NMIS
DR. BETA BIANCA B. CASTILLO, MPM - NMIS
DR. LOTA M. LABONITE - NMIS
MS. LAARNIE S. ABRAGAN - NMIS

Functions:

1. Review the existing rules and regulations pertaining to buffalo meat importation and utilization and recommend amendments and/or improvements to the IATC; and
2. Attend in IATC and TWG meetings.

C. Secretariat

Member : **DR. MARIA FATIMA P. AMPARO - NMIS**
MR. EUGENE MARK S. TACLAS - NMIS
MS. JOANNA MARIE D. PARAN - NMIS

Functions of the Secretariat:

1. Receive and perform initial evaluation of submitted documentary requirements of IBM applicants and endorse documents to the TWG on IBM allocation evaluators;
2. Coordinate communication among involved stakeholders;
3. Responsible for sending out notice of the meeting and memorandum regarding IBM;
4. Responsible for taking and/or recording minutes of the meeting (IATC and TWG) and other meetings such as public consultations related to IBM importation and utilization;
5. Assist in facilitating meetings and/or events regarding IBM;
6. Collate and act as repository of related documents and reports regarding IBM.
7. Perform other tasks as required by the IATC and TWGs.

All expenses in the performance of the functions of the members of the IATC, TWGs and secretariat are chargeable against their respective agencies' funds, subject to existing government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

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

Done this 15th day of May 2023.


DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN
Senior Undersecretary



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