



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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SPECIAL ORDER

No. 686

Series of 2023

SUBJECT : COMMITTEES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COLD EXAMINATION FACILITY IN AGRICULTURE (CEFA) PROJECT

In view of the appointments and change of assignments of officials and to facilitate the implementation of the project, the members of the Oversight Steering Committee for the establishment and implementation of the Cold Examination Facility in Agriculture (CEFA) Project is hereby reconstituted and Technical Working Groups and Project Management Office (PMO) are created and shall be composed of the following:

A. OVERSIGHT STEERING COMMITTEE

Chairperson : ASSISTANT SECRETARY JAMES A. LAYUG
For Inspectorate and Enforcement

Vice-Chairperson : ASSISTANT SECRETARY NOEL A. PADRE
For Policy Research and Development

Members : DIRECTOR PAUL C. LIMSON, DVM, BAI
DIRECTOR DEMOSTHENES R. ESCOTO, B FAR
DIRECTOR GERALD GLENN F. PANGANIBAN, BPI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLARITA M. SANGCAL, NMIS
DIRECTOR ARIODEAR C. RICO, BAFE

The functions, duties and responsibilities of the Oversight Steering Committee are as follows:

1. Provide overall direction and policy guidance for the implementation and operationalization of the project;
2. Provide policy advice and support to the project, including the review of the progress and overall project outputs;
3. Conduct regular and special meetings as the need arises; and
4. Perform operational oversight, project coordination and other functions as maybe needed for the implementation of the project.

B. PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE (PMO)

The PMO will replace the Project Management Committee as created in SO No. 67, Series of 2023. The BAI Director will act as Head of the PMO. Its function is to oversee the overall planning, construction and implementation of the CEFA project and has direct supervision over the Technical Working Groups. A Special Order shall be issued to designate the members of the PMO and its functions.

C. TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS (TWGs)

The following TWGs shall be created and a Special Order shall be issued to designate the members of the TWGs and their respective functions:

1. TWG on Harmonization of Quarantine Policies
2. TWG on Establishment of Facilities for the First Border Inspection in 5 Major Ports
3. TWG on Procurement and Construction of First Border Inspection Facility
4. Establishment of an Integrated Laboratory Complementary to CEFA

All expenses to be incurred in the conduct of the activities for the above Project shall be chargeable against the CEFA Project, subject to the existing government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until revoked in writing. Special Order No. 67, Series of 2023 is hereby revoked and all other orders, memoranda, and issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 5th day of June 2023.

DOMINGO E. PANGANIBAN
Senior Undersecretary



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