



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT : CREATION OF SPECIAL TASK FORCE ON ANIMAL HEALTH FOR THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF EMERGING TRANSBOUNDARY DISEASES

In the exigency of service and to further strengthen the collaboration between government and private sector in the prevention and control of the animal transboundary diseases in the country, a Special Task Force on Animal Health is hereby constituted with the following composition:

Chairperson : **ASSISTANT SECRETARY PAZ J. BENAVIDEZ II**
Assistant Secretary for Regulations, Department of Agriculture

Co-Chairperson : **ATTY. ELIAS JOSE M. INCIONG**
President, United Broiler Raiser's Association (UBRA)

Members : **ASSISTANT SECRETARY NOEL A. PADRE**
Assistant Secretary for Policy Research and Development, Department of Agriculture

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Assistant Secretary for Consumer Affairs, Department of Agriculture

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Chairman, United Broiler Raiser's Association and Philippine Egg Board Association

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President, National Federation of Hog Farmers Inc.

Mr. ROLANDO E. TAMBAGO
President, Pork Producers Federation of the Philippines, Inc.

PRESIDENT

Provincial, City and Municipal Veterinarians' League of the Philippines (PCMVLP)

SECRETARIAT:

BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY

The Special Task Force is hereby directed to:

1. Coordinate with Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) on the drafting of necessary resolutions to harmonize guidelines of the national and local governments on the prevention and control of animal transboundary diseases;
2. Coordinate with the Department of Health (DOH), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), DILG, Philippine National Police (PNP) on the formation of Inter-Agency Task Force on Animal Health for detection, monitoring, surveillance, prevention and control of animal transboundary diseases;
3. Coordinate with DOH and DENR on the implementation of the proposed Pandemic Fund and Livestock Infrastructure Modernization and Enhancement Program (LIMEP); and
4. Monitor the prices and level of production for livestock and poultry commodities.

All agencies and offices within the Department are hereby directed to give their full support and cooperation to the Special Task Force in the performance of their functions.

All expenses to be incurred by the members of the Special Task Force in the performance of their duties and functions shall be chargeable against their respective offices, subject to the existing government accounting and auditing laws, rules, and regulations.

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

Done this 13th day of June 2023.

DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN
Senior Undersecretary

