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**SPECIAL ORDER**

No. 795  
Series of 2023

**SUBJECT: REPRESENTATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA) IN REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL WORKING GROUPS, COMMITTEES, AND TRADE NEGOTIATIONS/AGREEMENTS RELATED TO PESTICIDE MAXIMUM RESIDUE LIMITS (MRL)**

In the exigency of the service, the following agencies shall serve as the representatives of the DA in relevant regional and international working groups, committees, and trade negotiations/agreements related to pesticide MRL:

**General Working Groups/Committees/Trade Negotiations/Agreements related to/concerning:**

Activities	Lead Agency
1. Pest risk assessment, registration of pesticide MRL	Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA)
2. Development of Philippine National Standards (PNS) and adoption of international and regional standards on pesticide MRL as PNS	Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standard (BAFS)
3. Development of regulations and implementation of import/export pesticide MRL	Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI)

**Specific Working Groups/Committees:**

Group / Committees	Role
1. Expert Working Group on the Harmonization for Maximum Residue Limits (EWG-MRL) of Pesticide Among ASEAN Countries	National Focal Point (NFP) of the Philippines: FPA  Support Agencies: BAFS and BPI



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2. ASEAN-USDA/ CropLife Project on Capacity Building of APEC Import MRL Guideline for Pesticides in ASEAN	NFP of the Philippines: FPA  Support Agencies: BAFS and BPI
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**Duties and responsibilities of the NFP:**

1. Regularly attend the meetings, whether virtual or physical, and workshops of the relevant regional and international working groups, committees and trade agreements as Philippine representative and articulate Philippine Position;
2. Act as Chairperson of meetings, workshops, and other activities when Philippine will serve as host; Collaborate with relevant DA agencies during the drafting of Philippine position paper, including the data required in coming up with such position; and
3. Inform relevant DA agencies on the results of the meetings of regional and international working groups, committees and agreements.

The support agencies shall provide, as necessary, the relevant information needed by FPA, in carrying out its duties and responsibilities, which include, but is not limited to:

1. BAFS - approved PNS and Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex) standards related to pesticide MRL; and
2. BPI - importing country regulations related to pesticide MRL.

The above agencies shall report to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Regulations (OASR) and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Research and Development on matters related to pesticide MRL standards, regulations, and trade policies.

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 4th day of July 2023.

**DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN**  
Senior Undersecretary



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