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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT : CREATION OF A TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP FOR THE HARMONIZATION AND INTEGRATION OF THE REGISTRY SYSTEM FOR BASIC SECTORS IN AGRICULTURE (RSBSA) AND MUNICIPAL FISHERFOLK REGISTRATION SYSTEM (MFRS)

Section 41 of the R.A. No. 8435 otherwise known as "Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act of 1997" mandates the creation of the National Information Network (NIN). In relation to this, the Registry System for Basic Sector in Agriculture (RSBSA) was adopted based on the Memorandum of Agreement in 2011 between Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), National Statistics Office (NSO) and Department of Agriculture (DA) and used by DBM to target beneficiaries of different agricultural support programs of the government as implemented by various government agencies.

Section 19 of R.A. 8550 otherwise known as "The Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998", states that the LGU shall maintain a registry of municipal fisherfolk. The MFRS therefore was designed by the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) to develop and promote a simplified national registration system for municipal fisherfolk.

In relation to this, and in the pursuit of agricultural modernization through digital agriculture and to establish a centralized database of farmers and fisherfolk who are both partners and beneficiaries of agri-fishery development, there is a need to harmonize and integrate the RSBSA and MFRS. As such, a Technical Working Group is hereby created, composed of the DA RSBSA National Program Monitoring Office and the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources.

GENERAL OBLIGATIONS

The DA Registry System for Basic Sectors in Agriculture-National Program Management Office (DA RSBSA-NPMO) and the DA Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) shall ensure that all data between the databases shall be synchronized to facilitate the interoperability of both systems and warrant efficient and more reliable transactions, as well as secure access to information and services.

Specifically, the parties shall be responsible for the following:

RSBSA-NPMO -

● **Field Operations Service (FOS)**

1. Provide the documentation on the integration activities;
2. Facilitate briefings and meetings in relation to the integration activities;

3. Provide guidance to the Regional Program Management Offices (RPMOs) in possible implications to the registry relative to this integration; and
4. Provide updates and progress on the status of the integration from the end of the DA RSBSA.

● **Information and Communications Technology Service (ICTS)**

1. Provide overall technical support on the RSBSA and MFRS integration activities;
2. Facilitate deduplication within the RSBSA-Farmers and Fisherfolk Registration System (FFRS) database and crossmatching between RSBSA and MFRS databases;
3. Ensure the readiness of the systems for the processes to be conducted; and
4. Implement necessary safeguards to ensure the security of data being processed.

BUREAU OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES -

1. Provide assistance on the data cleaning of the MFRS database prior to its integration;
2. Provide technical support on the RSBSA and MFRS integration activities;
3. Facilitate briefings and meetings to BFAR Regional Offices in relation to the integration activities;
4. Provide guidance to the BFAR Regional Offices in possible implications to the registry relative to this integration; and
5. Provide updates and progress on the status of the integration from the end of the DA BFAR.

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

Done this 7th day of July 2023.

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