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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT : CREATION OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE AND TECHNICAL TEAM FOR VERIFICATION AND INSPECTION OF COLD STORAGE WAREHOUSES (CSW)

In the exigency of the service, and to enforce Article V, Section 14 of Republic Act (RA) No. 10611, otherwise known as the *Food Safety Act of 2013*, and Administrative Circular No. 1, s. 2021, entitled "*Mandatory Accreditation of Cold Storage Warehouses (CSWs) for Agricultural and Fishery Products*", a Steering Committee and Technical Team for Verification and Inspection of CSWs are hereby created and shall be composed of the following:

A. Steering Committee

Chair: **ASSISTANT SECRETARY JAMES A. LAYUG, MNSA**
Assistant Secretary for DA Inspectorate and Enforcement

Vice Chair: **ASSISTANT SECRETARY PAZ J. BENAVIDEZ II**
Assistant Secretary for Regulations

Members: **ATTY. DEMOSTHENES R. ESCOTO**
Director, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources

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Director, Bureau of Plant Industry

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Executive Director, National Meat Inspection Service

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Director, Legal Service, DA

Secretariat **Office of the Assistant Secretary for DA Inspectorate and Enforcement (OAS-DAIE)**

The Steering Committee shall:

1. Provide overall leadership and policy direction on the operations of the Team;
2. Formulate and prescribe policies and guidelines on the conduct of verification and inspection activities;
3. Oversee and monitor the conduct of activities of the CSW-VIT;
4. Provide policy recommendations based on the consolidated data and monitoring reports on CSWs; and
5. Conduct relevant activities in support of the mandate of the CSW-VIT as may be necessary.

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for DA Inspectorate and Enforcement (OAS-DAIE), in its capacity as secretariat of the Steering Committee, shall serve as the central repository of all data and reports pertinent to the monitoring of CSWs, and shall respond to requests for information relevant to the same.

B. Technical Team for CSW Verification and Inspection

Office of the Assistant Secretary for DA Inspectorate and Enforcement (OAS-DAIE)

Deputized Personnel, OAS-DAIE

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Regulations (OASR)

Deputized Personnel, OASR

Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources

Designated Personnel, BFAR (as designated by the BFAR Director)

Bureau of Plant Industry

Designated Personnel, National Plant Quarantine Services Division

Designated Personnel, Plant Product Safety Services Division

National Meat Inspection Service

Meat Inspection Officer (Designated Personnel), Meat Import and Export Division

The Technical Team is hereby directed to:

1. Conduct random physical inspection of CSWs pursuant to Rule 14c-1 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA 10611 based on the list provided by the OAS-DAIE and with the corresponding Mission Order issued by the concerned Bureau/s;



2. Conduct on-site verification regarding data on rated capacity of CSWs vis-a-vis data submitted to the OAS-DAIE; and
3. Submit inspection/verification report to the OAS-DAIE within five (5) working days after onsite inspection.

In support of the activities of the CSW-VIT, all agencies in the Department authorized to process the licensing of CSWs are hereby enjoined to submit a monitoring report every week to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for DA Inspectorate and Enforcement, which shall include data on the percentage of stock inventory of the CSWs and other pertinent information as may be required by the Steering Committee.

All expenses to be incurred by the members of the Oversight Committee and the Verification and Inspection Team in the performance of their duties and functions shall be charged against OAS-DAIE funds, 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 hereby deemed revoked.

Done this 10th day of July _____ 2023.

DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN
Senior Undersecretary