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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT : AMENDMENT TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR REGULATIONS

In the exigency of service, and to ensure the proper delineation of authorities and responsibilities between the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Regulations and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Research Development, Special Order No. 321, s. 2023 with the subject "*Designation of Atty. Paz J. Benavidez II as Assistant Secretary for Regulations*" is hereby amended.

The Assistant Secretary for Regulations shall henceforth perform the following functions, duties, and responsibilities:

- a) Assist the Undersecretary for Policy, Planning, and Regulations in exercising oversight functions on all regulatory agencies of the Department;
- b) Supervise the development of regulatory policies by the bureaus, attached agencies, and other operating units within the Department, in close coordination with the Assistant Secretary for Policy Research and Development;
- c) Facilitate the effective implementation of regulatory policies and harmonization of regulatory services by the various operating units of the Department;
- d) Oversee the effective engagement of the Department and the various agencies in international bodies such as, but not limited to, the Codex Alimentarius Commission, International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), and the World Organization on Animal Health (WOAH);
- e) Provide leadership in various initiatives to strengthen the quarantine services of the Department;
- f) Collaborate with the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Inspectorate and Enforcement in ensuring the consistency of inspection services with existing regulatory policies;
- g) Spearhead the implementation of the Republic Act No. 10611, otherwise known as the Food Safety Act of 2013, including the conduct of necessary policy review;

- h) Exercise general supervision over quarantine officers and food safety officers in the various operating units within the Department with respect to the implementation of regulatory policies; and
- i) Perform such other functions as directed by the Senior Undersecretary and the Secretary.

All other provisions in Special Order No. 321, s. 2023, remain in order.

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 24th day of August 2023.

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Senior Undersecretary



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