



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
 Elliptical Road, Diliman
 1100 Quezon City

SPECIAL ORDER

NO. 1253
 Series of 2023

SUBJECT : AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT THE ORIENTATION OF ANIMAL WELFARE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS (AWEOS)

Pursuant to Section 10 of the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act (RA) 8485 otherwise known as the “Animal Welfare Act of 1998” as amended by RA 10631 and Department of Agriculture – Administrative Circular No. 8 series of 2018, provides that the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture (DA) shall deputize Animal Welfare Enforcement Officers (AWEOS) from the non-government organizations, citizens groups, community organizations and other volunteers who have undergone the necessary training. Further, both issuances provide for the designation of AWEOS by the Philippine National Police (PNP), National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) and other law enforcement agencies, as well as, by the Local Government Units (LGUs), who will be responsible for the seize and rescue of illegally traded and maltreated animals.

In the interest of service and in view of the capability needs of the AWEOS, the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) - Animal Health and Welfare Division (AHWD) is hereby authorized to conduct Orientation of Animal Welfare Enforcement Officers (AWEOS) at the **S.H.E. Hall, National Meat Inspection Services (NMIS)** with the following schedule:

September 5-6, 2023	NCR PNP Batch 1	Malabon, Navotas, Caloocan, Valenzuela, Quezon City and San Juan
September 7-8, 2023	NCR PNP Batch 2	Pasig, Marikina, Manila, Pasay, Makati, Taguig, Pateros, Paranaque, Muntinlupa, Mandaluyong and Las Pinas
September 12-13, 2023	Philippine Coast Guard	

Expenses such as payment for the venue, food, accommodation, vehicle rental, supplies and materials and other incidental expenses shall be chargeable against the funds of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Inspectorate and Enforcement, while the travelling expenses and per diem of participants shall be chargeable against their respective office’s funds, subject to its availability and the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.



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This Order shall take effect immediately and shall be considered revoked upon completion of the activity. 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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