



SPECIAL ORDER

No. 934
 Series of 2023

SUBJECT : AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE 2023 SERIES OF ORIENTATION-SEMINARS ON TRADE REMEDIES, FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS AND DISCIPLINES ON AGRICULTURAL TRADE

In the exigency of the service, the Trade Remedies Unit (TRU) of the Policy Research Service (PRS) is hereby authorized to conduct the remaining activities of its 2023 series of "Orientation-Seminar on Trade Remedies, Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and Disciplines on Agriculture Trade" in the following key areas:

Host Province	Tentative Schedule (2023)	No. of Participants
Region VI	October 10-13, 2023	100
Region XI	November 21-24, 2023	100
Region IV-A	December 5-8, 2023	100

The series of orientation-seminars aims to increase the understanding of the participants on international trade, particularly on the: 1) principles of the World Trade Organization (WTO); 2) FTA in force & those under negotiations; 3) available trade remedy measures (anti-dumping, countervailing and safeguards); and 4) disciplines and tools on agricultural trade such as Rules of Origin (ROO), Operational Certification Procedure (OCP), and Sanitary & Phytosanitary (SPS) measures.

The following is hereby authorized to attend and participate in the aforementioned activity:

OFFICE	PARTICIPANTS/INSTITUTIONS
Department of Agriculture (resource speakers and secretariat)	Undersecretary Mercedita A. Sombilla
	Assistant Secretary Noel A. Padre
	Ms. Tisha Pia E. De La Rosa, Macro Economic Policy Division (MEPD), PRS
	Ms. Katrin R. Mares, MEPD, PRS
	Ms. Sherlene A. de Torres, MEPD, PRS
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	Mr. Jomari C. Panaga, (FAFPD), PRS
	Mr. Kurt Elias B. Yldefonzo, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Research and Development



	TRU Secretariat Team
	Bureau of Plant Industry
	Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
	Bureau of Animal Industry
	National Meat Inspection Service
	Relevant DA Regional Field Office
Department of Agriculture (participants)	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Regulations
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for DA Inspectorate and Enforcement
	Relevant attached agencies and bureaus
	Relevant DA Regional Field Office
	Other DA Personnel as necessary
Other government agencies/institutions (resource speakers)	Representative, DTI Bureau of Interantional Trade Relations
	Representatives, DTI Bureau of Import Services
	Representatives, Tariff Commission (TC)
	Representative, Bureau of Customs (BOC)
	Representatives, Philippine Association of Flour Millers, Inc. (PAFMIL)
Other government agencies (participants)	Department of Trade and Industry, Tariff Commission, Bureau of Customs, Philippine Statistics Authority, National Economic and Development Authority, Local Government Units (LGUs), etc.
Private sector (participants)	Agri-fishery stakeholders (producers, exporters, importers, manufacturers and cooperatives/organizations)
	Academe (e.g. State Universities)

All expenses to be incurred for the duration of the activity such as food, venue and accommodation in a private facility, tokens, supplies and materials, and other incidental expenses, as well as travelling expenses of resource speakers, and staff from DA PRS and Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Research and Development shall be charged against the Remedies Fund, while travelling expenses and per diem of other participants shall be charged against their respective offices funds, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This order shall take effect immediately and shall be considered revoked upon completion of the activities. All orders, memoranda, and issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 1st day of August 2023.

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Senior Undersecretary



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