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**SPECIAL ORDER**

NO. 975

Series of 2023

**SUBJECT: AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT STAKEHOLDERS' BRIEFING/  
CONSULTATION FOR THE DOMESTIC ACCEPTANCE OF THE WORLD  
TRADE ORGANIZATION – FISHERIES SUBSIDIES AGREEMENT**

In accordance with our international engagement, particularly in the World Trade Organization for domestic acceptance of the WTO – Fisheries Subsidies Agreement, and due to the urgency of the service, the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources is granted authorization to conduct the aforementioned activities in a privately-owned facility with function hall and room accommodation within Quezon City, on 31 August 2023.

The one (1) day stakeholders' consultation is authorized to be participated by 100 participants, comprising 30 live-out and 70 live-in participants—staying for 2 nights. The participants will include:

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<b>Technical Committee on World Trade Matters (TCWM) and relevant National Government Agencies</b>	<b>24</b>
• Department of Agriculture (DA)	2
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• Department of Environment and Natural Resources	2
• DA-National Fisheries Research and Development Institute	
• Philippine Fisheries Development Authority	2

<b>One (1) representative each from BFAR RFOs and Marine Capture Subsectors (All Regions)</b>	<b>45</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>All BFAR RFOs (except CAR)</i></li> <li>• <i>Municipal Subsector</i></li> <li>• <i>Commercial Subsector</i></li> </ul>	15 15 15
<b>Technical Working Group for WTO-FSA</b>	<b>12</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Assistant Director for Technical Services</i></li> <li>• <i>Capture Fisheries Division</i></li> <li>• <i>Fisheries Regulatory Management Division</i></li> <li>• <i>Fisheries Regulatory and Licensing Division</i></li> <li>• <i>Legal Division</i></li> <li>• <i>Fisheries Inspection and Quarantine Division</i></li> </ul>	3 3 1 1 3 1
Drivers and Buffer	<b>19</b>
<b>Grand total.....</b>	<b>100</b>

All expenses related to the conduct of the above activities shall be charged against the BFAR Central Office Fund, subject to the availability of funds and compliance with existing accounting rules and regulations.

This order takes effect immediately and remains in force until revoked in writing.

All orders and memoranda inconsistent herewith are hereby revoked.

Done this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023.

**DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN**  
Senior Undersecretary



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