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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT : AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES IN CELEBRATION OF THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION (Codex@60) OF NATIONAL CODEX ORGANIZATION, OCTOBER 25-26, 2023

In the interest of service and in celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex@60), with the theme "*Codex at 60: Continued partnerships for safe, affordable, nutritious, and sustainable foods through food standards*", the National Codex Organization – Technical Committee (NCO-TC) is hereby authorized to conduct a series of activities starting October 2023, with culminating event on October 26-27, 2023, in the Food Development Center, Taguig City. The event shall be conducted in collaboration with the following Department of Agriculture – Food Safety Regulation Agencies (DA-FSRAs) and its attached agencies, and the Department of Health – Food and Drug Administration (DOH-FDA):

1. Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI)
2. Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI)
3. Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA)
4. National Dairy Authority (NDA)
5. National Food Authority (NFA)
6. National Fishery Research and Development Institute (NFRDI)
7. National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS)
8. Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA)
9. Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA)
10. Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS)
11. Food Development Center (FDC)
12. Policy Research Service (PRS)

The event aims to recognize the work of Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) and mark its achievements in 60 years of standard setting. The Philippine NCO, the sole body representing the Philippines to CAC, would also use this opportunity to plan and implement activities to build awareness of Codex and to engage high level political support for Codex work.

In view thereof, the above-mentioned DA-FSRAs are hereby authorized to lead the conduct and participate in relevant activities for the Codex@60 celebration. The DA-led and co-organized activities are as follows:

ACTIVITIES	DATE/VENUE/TIME
Posting of Tarpaulin <i>To be printed and posted by respective agencies. Template is provided in Codex website and/or NCO Management Support Office (MSO)</i>	October 1 – December 31, 2023 To be posted in respective agency offices
Culminating Event <i>Includes Seminar Series and NCO-TC Special Meeting for the preparation of Philippine Position Papers for the 46th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission</i>	October 26-27, 2023 Food Development Center, Arca South, Taguig City Day 1: 9:00am to 8:00pm Day 2: 9:00am to 2:00pm

Furthermore, the participants from the following DA offices are hereby authorized to physically attend the Culminating Event on October 26-27, 2023, in the Food Development Center, Arca South, Taguig City:

NO.	NCO – EXECUTIVE COUNCIL	
1	USec. Mercedita A. Sombilla	Office of the Undersecretary for Policy, Planning, and Regulations, DA
	TECHNICAL COMMITTEE	
2	Atty. Paz J. Benavidez II	ATFC-PH Chairperson, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Regulations (OASR)
3	Mr. Christopher Alingod	SC on Cereals, Pulses and Legumes (SCCPL) Co-Chairperson, NFA
4	Mr. John Leo Gavino	SC on Cocoa Products and Chocolates (SCCPC) Co-Chairperson, BPI
5	Mr. Neri Camitan	SC on Contaminants in Food (SCCF), Co-Chairperson, FDC
6	Ms. Ma. Celia Raquepo	SC on Fats and Oils (SCFO) Chairperson, PCA
7	Dr. Ulysses Montojo	SC on Fish and Fishery Products (SCFFP) Chairperson, NFRDI
8	Mr. Alberto Cariso, Jr.	SC on Food Additives (SCFA) Co-Chairperson, FDC
9	Dr. Rona Regina Reyes	SC on Food Hygiene (SCFH) Co-Chairperson, NMIS
10	Dr. Cheryl Rose Cayad-an	SC on Food Import and Export Certification System (SCFICS) Chairperson, BAI
11	Ms. Amelita Natividad	SC on Food Labelling (SCFL) Co-Chairperson, FDC
12	Mr. Samuel Fontanilla	SC on Fresh Fruits and Vegetable (SCFFV) Chairperson, BPI
13	Ms. Mary Grace Mandigma	SC on General Principles (SCGP) Chairperson, BAFS

14	Dr. Ma. Elaine Joy Villareal	SC on Meat Hygiene (SCMH) Chairperson, NMIS
15	Ms. Lourdes Timario	SC on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (SCMAS) Chairperson, FDC
16	Mr. Dan Adrian Guban	SC on Nutrition and Food for Special Dietary Uses (SCNFSDU) and SC on Milk and Milk Products (SCMMP) Co-Chairperson, NDA
17	Ms. Jerolet Sahagun	SC on Pesticide Residues (SCPR) Chairperson, FPA
18	Ms. Julie Ann Aragones	SC on Processed Fruits and Vegetables (SCPFV), Co-Chairperson
19	Dr. January Nones	SC on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Food (SCRVDF) Chairperson, NMIS
20	Mr. William Mugot	SC on Spices and Culinary Herbs (SCSCH) Chairperson, BPI
21	Ms. Jean Nanette Sumagaysay	SC on Sugars (SCS) Co-Chairperson, SRA
	CODEX CONTACT POINT (CCP)	
23	Ms. Sheena Mae Bagayao	CCP Task Force Officers, PRS
24	Ms. Ardibel Villanueva	
25	Mr. Gil Ian Lhord Go	
	MANAGEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE (MSO)	
26	Engr. Perlita Palicpic	MSO Technical Head, FDC
27	Ms. Genalyn Andres	MSO Secretariat Staff, FDC

Expenses for the printing of tarpaulins shall be chargeable against respective agencies, while, the expenses for venue shall be chargeable against PCA Regular Funds, and the expenses for food, supplies and materials, shirts, subscription to online platform and other incidental expenses that may be incurred shall be chargeable against BPI Regular Funds, subject to the availability of funds and the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

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

Done this 11th day of October 2023.

DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN
Senior Undersecretary



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