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SPECIAL ORDER

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Subject: COMPOSITION OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE, CODEX CONTACT POINT, MANAGEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE, SUB-COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES OF THE NATIONAL CODEX ORGANIZATION

Pursuant to Article IV Section 9(c) of the Republic Act 10611 (Food Safety Act of 2013) and the joint undertaking of the Department of Agriculture (DA) and Department of Health (DOH) in the Joint DA-DOH Administrative Order (DA-AO No. 1 s2008-DOH AO No. 2008-0030 dated October 22, 2008), the National Codex Organization (NCO) shall be responsible for effective Philippine participation in Codex and Codex-related activities.

In view of the changes in membership of the NCO and to remain updated with the relevant subsidiary bodies of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, the composition is hereby amended.

NCO operations shall cover the participation of Sub-Committee (SC) or Task Force Chairs and Co-Chairs from the DA/DOH to the Technical Committee (TC) as members.

Technical Committee

Dr. Ulysses Montojo

National Fishery Research and Development Institute (NFRDI) – Department of Agriculture (DA),
TC Chairperson

Dr. Maria Victoria D. Pinion

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) – Department of Health (DOH),
TC Co-Chairperson

Members

Dr. Maria Victoria Pinion, FDA – DOH
Chairperson, SC on Codex Coordinating Committee in Asia (CCASIA)

DA Representative

Ms. Rosalyn Tomimbang, FDA-DOH
Chairperson, SC on Cereals, Pulses and Legumes (*Adjourned sine die*)¹

Mr. Christopher Alingod, NFA-DA
Co-Chairperson, SC on Cereals, Pulses and Legumes (*Adjourned sine die*)¹

Ms. Michelle Panghulan, FDA-DOH
Chairperson, SC on Cocoa Products and Chocolates (*Adjourned sine die*)¹

Mr. John Leo Gamboa, BPI-DA
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Mr. Phelan Apostol, FDA-DOH
Chairperson, SC on Contaminants in Food

Mr. Neri Camitan, FDC-DA
Co-Chairperson, SC on Contaminants in Food

Ms. Ma. Celia Raquipo, PCA-DA
Chairperson, SC on Fats and Oils
NFRDI-DA Representative
Chairperson, SC on Fish and Fishery Products

Mr. Jaymar Tuazon, FDA-DOH
Co-Chairperson, SC on Fats and Oils
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Mr. John Mark Tan, FDA-DOH
Chairperson, SC on Food Additives

Mr. Alberto Cariso, Jr., FDC-DA
Co-Chairperson, SC on Food Additives

Ms. Kris Jenelyn De Las Peñas, FDA-DOH
Chairperson, SC on Food Hygiene

Dr. April Chavez, NMIS-DA
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Dr. Cheryl Rose Cayad-an, BAI-DA
Chairperson, SC on Food Import and
Export Inspection and Certification
System

Ms. Hannah Margaret M. Rabaja, FDA-DOH
Chairperson, SC on Food Labelling

Mr. Samuel Fontanilla, BPI-DA
Chairperson, SC on Fresh Fruits and
Vegetables

Ms. Mary Grace Mandigma, BAFS-DA
Chairperson, SC on General Principles

Dr. Rona Regina Reyes, NMIS-DA
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(*Adjourned sine die*)¹

Ms. Lourdes Timario, FDC-DA
Chairperson, SC on Methods of Analysis
and Sampling

Ms. Caroline Duller, FDA-DOH
Chairperson, SC on Milk and Milk
Products (*Adjourned sine die*)¹

Ms. Geonna Marice Santos, FDA-DOH
Chairperson, SC on Nutrition and Food
for Special Dietary Uses

Ms. Jerolet Sahagun, FPA-DA
Chairperson, SC on Pesticide Residues

Ms. Gladdys A. Pascual, FDA-DOH
Chairperson, SC on Processed Fruits and
Vegetables (*Adjourned sine die*)¹

Dr. January Nones, NMIS-DA
Chairperson, SC on Residues of
Veterinary Drugs in Food

Mr. William Mugot, BPI-DA
Chairperson, SC on Spices and Culinary
Herbs

Ms. Jenine Diaz, FDA-DOH
Chairperson, SC on Sugars (*Adjourned
sine die*)¹

Atty. Paz Benavidez II
Chairperson, ASEAN Task Force on
Codex

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System

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Ms. Jean Nanette Sumagaysay, SRA-DA
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Co-Chairperson, ASEAN Task Force on
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¹Currently, the Codex Committee or Task Force is "Adjourned sine die". The NCO counterpart Sub-Committee or Task Force is already organized and/or its Chair identified and shall be convened upon reactivation of their Codex counterpart by the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

The NCO Technical Committee shall ensure that the organization remains current with the relevant Codex subsidiary bodies and, if necessary, create the national counterpart Sub-Committees (SC) and Task Force (TF). Chairpersons of NCO SC or TF whose Codex counterpart subsidiary bodies have been adjourned or are in recess shall form part of the NCO-TC.

The Management Support Office (MSO) shall provide technical and administrative support to the NCO and act as a secretariat to the NCO Technical Committee and its Working Groups.

Management Support Office
Mr. Alberto Cariso Jr., FDC-DA
MSO Acting Head
Ms. Genalyn Andres, FDC-DA
MSO Staff

Engr. Perlita Palicpic, FDC-DA
MSO Technical Head

Pursuant to Section 17 of the Joint DA-DOH Administrative Order No. 2015-0007 s2015, or the Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR) of RA 10611, the Office of the Undersecretary for Policy and Planning, Project Development, and R&D is designated as the Codex Contact Point and as the Coordinator for Codex activities at the Department of Agriculture.

Codex Contact Point
USec. Mercedita Sombilla
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CCP and Coordinator for Codex activities
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CCP Task Force Officer

Ms. Sheena Mae Bagayao, PRS-DA
CCP Task Force Officer

Mr. Gil Ian Lhord Go, PRS-DA
CCP Task Force Officer

The appropriation for the participation of the DA Chairs and Co-Chairs of the NCO-TC and its sub-committees in international sessions of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and its subsidiary bodies, as well as the common Codex and Codex-related activities such as hosting and/or attendance at meetings, workshops, and capacity buildings of the NCO-TC, shall be charged against the funds of their respective offices, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

The above members of the NCO shall be guided by the NCO Manual of Operations, 2nd Edition, the guidelines on the national effort in addressing Codex-related concerns and must comply with the Organization's rules and regulations. All officials and employees of the Department, including its Bureaus, Attached Agencies and Corporations, and DA-Regional Field Offices are hereby advised of these designations and directed to give their full support and cooperation to the NCO members in the performance of their duties and responsibilities.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force unless revoked in writing. All orders, memoranda, and issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 14th day of November 2023.

FRANCISCO TIO LAUREL, JR.
Secretary

