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SPECIAL ORDER

NO. 511

Series of 2023

SUBJECT : EXEMPTION FROM THE GENERAL MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 02, SERIES OF 2023

In exigency of the service and pursuant to the General Memorandum Order No. 03, series of 2023 re: Amendment on Item IV. Financial Matters of General Memorandum Order No. 03, series of 2016 re: Delegation of Authority 2016, exemption is hereby granted to **ATTY. DEMOSTHENES R. ESCOTO**, *National Director*, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) to sign financial documents for the transfer of funds from the BFAR to Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) for the implementation of the Fuel Assistance to Fisherfolk Project for FY 2023 ("the Project").

According to Section II. Project Description of the Memorandum Circular No. 52, series of 2023, the Project will be implemented in partnership with DBP and its accredited FinTech partner/s.

Special Provision No. 6 of DA-BFAR of Republic Act (RA) 11936 of the FY General Appropriations Act (GAA) states that:

6. Fuel Assistance to Fisherfolk. The amount of Four Hundred Eighty Nine Million Five Hundred Fifty Three Thousand Pesos (P489,553,000) appropriated herein for Fuel Assistance to Fisherfolk shall be used for fuel assistance, inclusive of the operating expense incurred in the distribution, to fisherfolk, when the average Dubai crude oil price based on Mean of Platts Singapore for three (3) months reaches or exceeds Eighty Dollars (USD 80) per barrel: PROVIDED, That the fisherfolk beneficiary owns and operates a motorized fishing vessel individually or through a fisherfolk organization, cooperative or association: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That the fisherfolk beneficiary should be listed in the registry system of the DA, mainly in the RSBSA: PROVIDED, FINALLY, That their fishing vessels are duly registered in the integrated boat registry system or BFAR's Boat Registration or LGU boat registry system.

The DA, through the BFAR Central Office and Regional Offices, shall implement the program and are authorized to deduct one and a half percent (1.5%) of the said amount for administrative and other operational expenses.

Implementation of the program shall be subject to the guidelines issued by the DA, in coordination with the DBM.

This Order shall take effect immediately and for the implementation of the Fuel Assistance to Fisherfolk Project only. All Orders, Memoranda, and Issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 22nd day of DECEMBER 2023.

FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL JR.
Secretary



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