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**SPECIAL ORDER**

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**SUBJECT : COMPOSITION OF THE DA FOOD SAFETY FOCAL GROUP (FSFG)**

In the exigency of service and in view of the reassignment and retirement of several Food Safety Focal Persons, the Food Safety Focal Group (FSFG) shall be composed of the following members:

Agency	Food Safety Focal Group Members	
	Permanent Member	Alternate Member
DA-PRS	Ian Jomari C. Panaga	Sheena Mae A. Bagayao
BAFS	Asst. Dir. Mary Grace R. Mandigma, PFT	Alpha M. Lanuza, DVM
ATI	Manuel M. Dimalaluan	Jomar O. Tabor
FDC	Carmelita V. Alkuino	Edyloid T. Chavez
BAI	Amado A. Antonio III, DVM	Kathryn I. Diamante, DVM
NMIS	Easter F. Oblena, DVM	Rona Regina I. Reyes, DVM, MDM
BFAR	Sonia S. Somga, DVM	Karen O. Alejo, DVM Niño Carlo C. Isnit Joseph Adrian G. Loja
BPI	William F. Mugot	Samuel L. Fontanilla Christian Allen L. Taleon
PCA	Luz Brenda P. Balibrea	Ma. Celia M. Raquepo Eduardo R. Dela Torre Michelle O. Villa
SRA	Atty. Guillermo C. Tejida III	Jean Nanette C. Sumagaysay Cynthia M. Trinidad
NDA	Dan Adrian D. Guban	Judith A. Platero Ellamay A. Melanio
FPA	Edward Allen A. Calapatia	Mark Kevin M. Salita

The members of the FSFG shall serve as the focal person on food safety-related activities of the respective Food Safety Regulatory Agencies (FSRA) and shall perform the following functions, duties, and responsibilities:

1. Facilitate the exchange of information, consolidation, coordination and monitoring of food safety programs, projects and activities of the Department;
2. Coordinate and facilitate the delivery of appropriate action/response on food safety issues and concerns;
3. Participate in food safety programs, projects, and activities within and outside of the Department;



4. Harmonize efforts on food safety within the DA FSRAs;
5. Recommend food safety plans, projects, and policies to the Secretary and the Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and Regulations through the Assistant Secretary for Regulations; and
6. Perform other tasks as may be necessary to support the implementation of RA 10611 or the Food Safety Act of 2013 and other issuances related to food safety policies and regulations.

The FSFG is under the direct supervision of the Assistant Secretary for Regulations, hence, Chair of the FSFG. The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Regulations shall serve as the secretariat of the FSFG.

All expenses to be incurred in the performance of the functions, duties, and responsibilities of the members of the FSFG shall be charged against their respective agencies' funds, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

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 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.



**FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL, JR**  
Secretary



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