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**SPECIAL ORDER**

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**SUBJECT : RECONSTITUTION OF THE CCFFP35 ELECTRONIC WORKING GROUP ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF CODEX STANDARD ON SARDINES AND SARDINE-TYPE PRODUCTS TO INCLUDE *SARDINELLA LEMURU* CHAIRED BY THE PHILIPPINES**

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In the exigency of service and as per agreement during the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Fish and Fishery Products (CCFFP35) (REP 21/FFP, para. 29-43), the Electronic Working Group (EWG) on the Proposed Amendment of CXS 94-1981, chaired by the Philippines, is hereby reconstituted to provide relevant technical expert and information in support to the Philippines proposal on amending the *Standard for Canned Sardines and Sardine-Type Products* (CXS 94-1981) to include the fish species *Sardinella lemuru* (Bali Sardinella).

The Philippines EWG shall be composed of the following:

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The Philippines EWG shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

- 1) Oversee the sensory evaluation and biomass estimates of the candidate species, i.e. *S. lemuru*, in accordance with the Procedural Manual of Codex, particularly Sections 2.3, 3.2.1, 3.3, and 4.0 (Annex 1);
- 2) Coordinate and facilitate virtual/physical meetings and other related activities;
- 3) Draft report/s, findings, conclusions and recommendations to the 36<sup>th</sup> Session of Codex Committee of Fish and Fishery Products (CCFFP36).

All expenses to be incurred by the Philippines EWG in the conduct of their duties and responsibilities shall be chargeable against their respective Offices' funds, subject to the availability of funds and existing government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

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

Done this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

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



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