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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT : CREATION OF A TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF DEEP WATER PORTS

In the exigency of service and in line with the Three-Year Agenda of the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture to provide efficient logistic systems for agricultural products, a Technical Working Group (TWG) and Secretariat is hereby created to develop a policy framework for the development and operation of deep-water ports to be managed and supervised by the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA).

The TWG and Secretariat shall be composed of officials/personnel from the following DA Operating Units, Attached Corporations, and Bureaus:

- Chairperson** : General Manager, PFDA
- Co-chairperson** : Undersecretary for Fisheries
- Members** : Undersecretary for Policy, Planning, and Regulations
Assistant Secretary for Operations
Director, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR)
Director, Bureau of Agricultural and Fisheries Engineering (BAFE)
Director, Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PhilMech)
- Secretariat** : PFDA – Project Management Office (PMO)

The TWG shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Prepare and facilitate the collection and analysis of pertinent data with regard the development and operation of deep water ports. These include, but are not limited to, data on efficient cargo handling and distribution, reduction of transfer and handling cost, enhancement of existing fish ports, and provision of efficient logistic systems for both input and output production.

2. Develop a policy framework for the development and operation of deep-water ports, including therein legal bases for the same and guided by the objective that the development and operation of deep-water ports will lead to efficient cargo handling and distribution, reduced post-harvest losses, enhanced fish ports, and provision of efficient logistic systems for both input and output production.
3. Perform other tasks as may be necessary.

The TWG Secretariat shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Prepare and provide highlights of the meetings of the TWG; and
2. Provide other technical and administrative support, as need, relevant to the duties and responsibilities of the TWG.

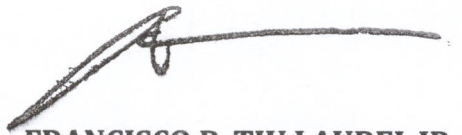
The TWG shall report directly to the Secretary.

The TWG may invite resource persons from other agencies, from other DA Operating Units and private sector (e.g. shipping company) during its meetings as deemed necessary.

All expenses to be incurred by TWG members in the performance of their duties and functions shall be chargeable against their respective offices' funds, subject to the availability of funds and the usual 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 issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 17th day of April 2024.


FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL JR.
Secretary



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