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SPECIAL ORDER

No. 608 Series of 2024

SUBJECT

AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT AND PARTICIPATE TO THE TRAINING ON PARTICIPATORY GUARANTEE SYSTEM (PGS) FOR THE REGIONAL

PRE-ASSESSMENT TEAM (RPAT)

In the interest of service, the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) is hereby authorized to conduct the **Training on Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) for the Regional Pre-Assessment Team (RPAT)** on the below schedule, venue, and participants by Batches:

Batch	Regions/Offices	Venue	Participants/No. of Participants
6	April 22-26, 2024	Gintong Bukid, Nagcarlan, Laguna, Region IVA	DA Regional Field Offices (CAR - 13 and BARMM) - 32 participants Bureau of Animal Industry - 1 participant Bureau of Plant Industry - 1 participant National Organic Agriculture Program - 2 participants Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards - 2 participants Office of the Secretary - 2 participants Agricultural Training Institute Central Office - 2 participants
7	May 27-31, 2024		DA RFOs (CAR - 13 & BARMM) - 32 participants BAI - 1 participant BPI - 1 participant NOAP - 2 participants OSEC - 2 participants BAFS - 2 participants ATI CO - 2 participants

The training aims to capacitate the regional pre-inspectors and assessors who will assist the farmers and fisherfolks in their application for accreditation and certification as PGS Organic Certifying Body (OCB) by the BAFS.

Expenses on food and accommodation during the conduct of the activity shall be charged to the ATI Organic Agriculture (OA) Program Fund, while the traveling expenses and per diems of the participants shall be charged to the respective agencies' OA Program funds, subject to the existing government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall be considered revoked upon completion of the activity. All orders, memoranda, and issuances inconsistent are deemed revoked.

Done this <u>1318</u> day of <u>APRIL</u>, 2024.

FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL, JR.

Secretary



