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SPECIAL ORDER

No. <u>680</u> Series of 2024

SUBJECT:

DESIGNATION OF MR. NORMAN B. TAN AS A PERMANENT RESOURCE

PERSON FOR THE ANIMAL WELFARE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS'

TRAINING (AWEO)

WHEREAS, Section 10 of RA 8485 stated that the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture (DA) shall deputize animal welfare enforcement officers from nongovernment organizations, citizens groups, community organizations, and other volunteers who have undergone the necessary training for this purpose;

WHEREAS, Section 3 of Republic Act (RA) 8485 otherwise known as the Animal Welfare Act of 1998 as amended, mandated the Director of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) to supervise and regulate the establishment, operation, and maintenance of all animal facilities, including the transport of all animals whether public or private transportation facility;

WHEREAS, DA - Administrative Circular (AC) No. 8 series of 2018 provided for the operational guidelines for the deputation/designation and training of animal welfare enforcement officers from the Philippine National Police (PNP), National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) and other law enforcement agencies and nongovernment organization;

In view thereof and in the exigency of the service, MR. NORMAN B. TAN, SENIOR AGRICULTURIST and presently assigned at the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) Animal Feeds, Veterinary Drugs and Biologics Control Division (AFVDBCD) is hereby designated as a permanent resource person in the Animal Welfare Enforcement Officers' Training (AWEO) in concurrent capacity as Section Head of the Inspection, Monitoring and Evaluation Section (IMES).

As such, he is directed to coordinate with the **Department of Agriculture – Office of the Assistant Secretary for Inspectorate and Enforcement (DA – IE)** and the **BAI - Animal Health and Welfare Division (AHWD)** to conduct said training. Further, he is to assist in the development of a sustainable program for the effective implementation and enforcement of the Bureau of Animal Industry.

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 7th day of May 2024.

FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL JR. Secretary

