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**SPECIAL ORDER**

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**SUBJECT: CREATION OF THE EVALUATION REFERENCE GROUP (ERG) FOR THE EVALUATION OF THE USE AND IMPACT OF PHILIPPINE NATIONAL STANDARDS (PNS)**

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In the exigency of the service and consistent with the mandate of the DA-Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS) to evaluate the use and impact of PNS, an ERG is hereby created to support the evaluation process. The ERG shall be composed of the following:

**Chairperson** : Karen Kristine A. Roscom, PFT, PhD  
Director IV  
DA-BAFS

**Members** : Mary Grace R. Mandigma  
DA-BAFS Technical Services Division (TSD)  
  
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Engr. Abraham L. Perez III  
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The ERG Members shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Attend the scheduled writeshops on the evaluation of the use and impact of PNS;
2. Contribute actively during writeshop by providing technical advice on evaluation methods, including data collection and analysis;
3. Review and provide comments on the evaluation findings and interpretations to ensure they are accurate, valid, and reliable;
4. Provide recommendations to ensure the quality and integrity of the evaluation process, including data collection, analysis, and reporting; and
5. Provide recommendations based on the evaluation findings.

Expenses incurred in the conduct of duties and responsibilities of the ERG members such as traveling expenses, per diems, honoraria (for non-DA personnel), supplies/materials, and other incidental expenses, food, and accommodation during writeshops and other activities, shall be chargeable against DA-BAFS Regular funds, subject to 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE 2024.

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



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