

## Republic of the Philippines

## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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SPECIAL ORDER NO. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Series of 2024

SUBJECT:

AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIONS FOR THE AMENDMENT OF FAO 237 PROVIDING REGULATIONS FOR THE INCLUSION OF TURTLE EXCLUDER DEVICES (TED) IN TRAWLS, ALONGSIDE JUVENILE AND TRASHFISH EXCLUDER DEVICES (JTEDS) IN PHILIPPINE WATERS

In the interest of the service and the urgent need to comply with regulatory requirements regarding the export of wild-caught shrimps through the amendment of the regulation on bycatch reduction in trawl fisheries, incorporating Turtle Excluder Devices and Juvenile and Trash Fish Excluder Devices—the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) is hereby *granted authorization to conduct the* aforementioned activities in a privately-owned facility equipped with a function hall and room accommodations.

The one-day stakeholder consultations for each cluster are authorized to be attended by a total of 135 participants, scheduled as follows:

Cluster	Venue	Date	Number of Participants
NCR	Quezon City	June 19-21, 2024	45
Luzon	Subic, Zambales	July 3-4, 2024	50
Visayas	Tacloban City	July 10-12, 2024	40

All expenses related to the conduct of the above activities shall be charged against the BFAR Central Office Fund, subject to the availability of funds and compliance with existing accounting rules and regulations.

This order takes effect immediately and remains in force until revoked in writing.

All orders and memoranda inconsistent herewith are hereby revoked.

Done this 13% day of  $\sqrt{\text{un}\tilde{\epsilon}}$  2024.

For and By the Authority of the Secretary

ALLAN Q UMALI

Undersedretary for Administration

(as per Special Order No. 618, Series of 2024)







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