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SPECIAL ORDER No. <u>00</u> Series of 2024

## SUBJECT : AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT TRAINING ON "MEASUREMENT UNCERTAINTY AND METHOD VERIFICATION IN MICROBIOLOGICAL TESTING"

In the interest of service, the Food Development Center (FDC) is hereby authorized to conduct a training course on "Measurement Uncertainty and Method Verification in Microbiological Testing" for DA laboratories on July 30-31, 2024 at DA-FDC, in Taguig City, under the Building Safe Agricultural Food Enterprises (BSAFE) Project, Activity 2 – Enhancing DA Capacity in Risk-based System of Winrock International.

The two-day training aims to increase the level of awareness of participants from the DA laboratories on measurement uncertainty and method verification in microbiological testing based on ISO 19036:2019 and ISO 16140-3:2021. Specifically, this training activity will provide participants with the knowledge required to establish measurement uncertainty for quantitative determinations, and verify validated methods in their respective microbiology laboratories in line with DA's goal to address competency gaps on the ISO/IEC 17025:2017 implementation initiative. After completion of the course, participants are expected to **conduct re-echo training to their respective agencies**.

The following National Laboratories and Integrated Laboratory Divisions are authorized to send one (1) participant:

National Laboratories	BAI, BPI, BFAR, BSWM, FPA, NDA, NFRDI, NMIS, NTA, PCA, PCC, PhilFIDA, PhilMech, PhilRice, PRRI, SRA and FDC	
Integrated Laboratory Divisions	CAR, Region I, Region II, Region III, Region IV-A, Region IV-B, Region V, Region VI, Region VII, Region VIII, Region IX, Region X, Region XI, Region XII, Region XIII, BARMM	

Expenses to be incurred for the professional fee/honorarium of the Resource Speaker will be shouldered by Winrock International including the snacks and lunch of all participants during the training period.

The accommodation, transportation, meals (breakfast and dinner) and other incidental expenses to be incurred by the participants shall be **chargeable against the fund of their respective agencies**, subject to usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

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

Done this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024.

For and By the Authority of the Secretary

ALLAN Q UMALI Undersecretary for Administration (as per Special Order No. 618, Series of 2024)

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