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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT: CREATION AND COMPOSITION OF THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) FOR THE PREPARATION OF GUIDELINES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DAILY PRICE INDEX (DPI) IN COMPLIANCE WITH REPUBLIC ACT 12022 "ANTI-AGRICULTURE ECONOMIC SABOTAGE"

In line with the implementation of Republic Act No. 12022 or the "Anti-Agricultural Economic Sabotage Act" which seeks to prevent and address acts of economic sabotage in the agricultural sector, Section 5 states that "the Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Service (AMAS) and the Bureau of Agricultural Research (BAR) of the Department of Agriculture (DA) are mandated to establish, strengthen, and maintain a Daily Price Index (DPI)." The Department will establish a Daily Price Index (DPI) that will serve as a critical tool for determining the value of commodities under investigation for alleged smuggling and hoarding, which will determine if the illegal act warrants economic sabotage.

DPI refers to a system of monitoring and publishing or broadcasting the prevailing retail prices of agricultural and fishery products in all regions of the country on a day-to-day basis.

Henceforth, a Technical Working Group (TWG) is hereby created to prepare the Guidelines for the Establishment of the DPI. The TWG shall be composed of officials/personnel from the following DA attached agencies, bureaus, and operating units.

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The TWG shall have the following functions and roles:

- a) Review and recommend to the Secretary for approval the draft Guidelines for the establishment, and maintenance of the Daily Price Index (DPI).
- b) Ensure that the DPI serves as an essential tool for monitoring agricultural prices and preventing economic sabotage.
- c) Ensure that the guidelines are aligned with current agricultural policies and economic strategies

SUB WORKING GROUP

To facilitate the establishment of DPI, Sub-Working Group is hereby created as follows:

Lead

JUNIBERT E. DE SAGUN

Director, Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Service (AMAS)

Co-Lead

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Offices	Permanent Representative	Alternate Representative
Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Service (AMAS)	Leny G. Pecson Chief, Agribusiness Industry Support Division	Leonora V. Gabriel Senior Agriculturist
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The Sub Working Group shall have the following functions and roles:


- a) Identify key data sources, methodologies for data collection and validation processes.
- b) Develop the statistical methods for calculating the DPI
- c) Identify basket of commodities and the specification of the products.
- d) Develop a mechanism for posting and disseminating DPI
- e) Provide recommendations on data collection methods, reporting standards, and dissemination of information.
- f) Prepare draft guidelines for the establishment, and maintenance of the Daily Price Index (DPI).
- g) Tap experts and other relevant government agencies in the crafting of the Guidelines

The AISD-AMAS shall act as the secretariat of the TWG and Sub-Working Group to provide administrative and technical support.

All expenses relative to the preparation of the Guidelines for the Establishment of DPI shall be chargeable against the funds of DA-AMAS while traveling expenses, per diem, and incidental expenses of the members of the TWG and Sub-Working Group are chargeable against the funds of their respective offices subject to availability of funds and the existing government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take immediately and remain in force shall be considered revoked upon the completion of the Guidelines. All orders, memoranda, and issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 26th day of NOVEMBER 2024.


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Secretary A