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SPECIAL ORDER

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**SUBJECT : CREATION OF TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) FOR Q
FEVER AND OTHER IMPORTANT RUMINANT DISEASES**

In the exigency of service and in line with the Department of Agriculture's (DA) commitment to ensure the health and safety of the livestock industry, a **Technical Working Group (TWG)** for Q Fever and other important ruminant diseases is hereby created and composed of the following:

I. COMPOSITION OF THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG):

- Chairperson** : **DR. BENJAMIN C. ALBARECE**
Assistant Secretary for Ruminant Livestock
- Vice Chairperson** : **DR. OSCAR JHAN D. CABANAYAN**
Officer-in-Charge - Assistant Director
Bureau of Animal Industry
- Members** : **DR. HYACINTH G. NAPILOY, MPS-PA**
Animal Health and Welfare Division (AHWD)
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- DR. ANTHONY C. BUCAD**
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- DR. JOANNA MARIE F. DAVID**
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DR. RAINELDA C. DELA PEÑA, MPA

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Scientist I
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The **Members** shall perform the following functions, duties, and responsibilities inherent to their designation, such as, but not limited to:

1. Develop technical guidelines, policies, and recommendations for the prevention and control of Q Fever and other important ruminant diseases for the approval of the Secretary;
2. Provide technical expertise in the conduct of surveillance, monitoring, and other related activities to these diseases;
3. Coordinate with relevant stakeholders, both local and international, for technical assistance and resource mobilization;



4. Submit regular reports and recommendations to the DA - Office of the Secretary for appropriate action and decision-making;
5. Conduct regular reviews of reports on Q Fever and other important ruminant diseases on the management measures and strategies aligned with existing local and international guidelines;
6. Designate one (1) technical representative who shall actively participate in the meetings, workshops, consultations, and other related activities together with the TWG Chairperson; and
7. Convene regular and/ or emergency meetings when deemed necessary.

II. SECRETARIAT

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MR. JOBENEL R. DE LA TORRE
Animal Health and Welfare Division (AHWD)
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The **Secretariat** shall perform the following functions, duties, and responsibilities inherent to their designation, such as, but not limited to:

1. Provide administrative and technical support to the TWG, such as documenting highlights of the meetings, preparing communications, coordinating and disseminating highlights of the meeting, notice of meeting, and preparing logistics for site/ field visits;
2. Coordinate with the TWG members and other relevant stakeholders; and
3. Organize meetings and other related activities and manage all administrative tasks associated with these activities.

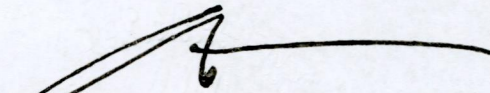
The expenses of the TWG members and secretariats in performing their duties and responsibilities in view of their designations are chargeable against the Bureau of



Animal Industry (BAI) funds and other available funds, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force unless revoked in writing. All other orders, memoranda, and issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 4th day of FEBRUARY, 2025.



FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL JR.
Secretary



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