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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT : CREATION OF TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) TO STRENGTHEN THE PHILIPPINE GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES (PhilG.A.P) IN THE PHILIPPINES

In the interest of the service, the Technical Working Group (TWG) to Strengthen the Philippine Good Agricultural Practices (PhilG.A.P) Certification in the Philippines is hereby created and shall composed of the following:

- Chair : Assistant Secretary for Policy and Regulations**
- Co-Chair : Special Assistant for Export Development**
- Vice Chair : Director, Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI)**
- Members :** Designated Representative, Bureau of Agriculture and Fishery Standards (BAFS)
Designated Representative, Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA)
Designated Representative, Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA)
Designated Representative, Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA)
Designated Representative, National Dairy Authority (NDA)
Designated Representative, Philippine Rubber Research Institute (PRRI)
Designated Representative, Agricultural Training Institute (ATI)
Designated Representative, Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Service (AMAS)
Designated Representative, DA Legal Service
Designated Representative, DA Regional Executive Directors (DA-RFO)
Designated Representative, DA Field Operations Service (DA-RFO)
Designated Representative, DA Regional Field Office (DA-RFO)
- Secretariat : BPI - Plant Product Safety Service Division (PPSSD)**

The TWG shall:

1. Conduct a comprehensive review of the existing PhilG.A.P certification guidelines, requirements, and procedures;
2. Fortify the certification scheme, resolving existing challenges including the delineation of certification coverage among the Certifying Bodies, and supersede existing guidelines as necessary;
3. Draft a harmonized, re-engineered, and strengthened PhilG.A.P certification guidelines;
4. Expand the scope of the guidelines to cover additional facets of PhilG.A.P such as, but not limited to:
 - a. Marketing of PhilGAP-certified farms;
 - b. PhilGAP extension and communication initiatives;
 - c. Support mechanisms to farmers; and
 - d. Monitoring and evaluation framework of the certification scheme.
5. Facilitate consultations with key stakeholders, including farmers, academe, agribusinesses, government agencies, and non-governmental organizations; and,
6. Endorsed the draft issuance to DA Regulatory Clearinghouse System and DA Legal Service prior to the issuance of the undersigned.

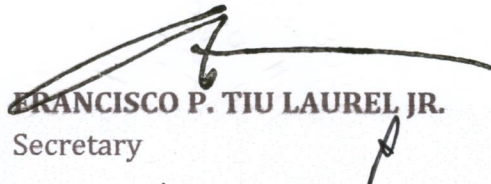
The TWG is hereby authorized to invite resource persons or experts from DA Banner Programs, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), the Philippine Accreditation Bureau (PAB), other concerned agencies, operating units, academe, private sector, Local Government Units (LGUs), and, Farmers Cooperative, and Associations (FCAs), as necessary, during its meetings.

Further, the concerned DA Agencies shall publish their respective guidelines on the streamlined procedure, requirements, and policies in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

All expenses incurred in the conduct of related activities shall be chargeable against PhilG.A.P funds, subject to the existing government accounting and auditing laws, rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until the issuance of the guidelines. All orders, memoranda, and issuances inconsistent with herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 1st day of FEBRUARY 2025.


FRANCISCO P. TIULA LAUREL JR.
Secretary



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