



SPECIAL ORDER

No. 79
Series of 2022

SUBJECT : AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT AND ATTEND VARIOUS ACTIVITIES RELATIVE TO THE ACCREDITATION OF ORGANIC CERTIFYING BODIES (OCB) FOR CY 2022

In the exigency of service and pursuant to Sections 13 (Accreditation of Organic Certifying Bodies) and 14 (Participatory Guarantee System) of the Republic Act No. 10068, as amended by RA No. 11511 otherwise known as the "Amendment to Organic Agriculture Act of 2010", particularly for the accreditation of organic certifying bodies (OCB) including core Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) groups, the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS) is hereby authorized to conduct the following activities from February to December 2022:

Title	Region	Target Month
I. Various Meetings (Technical Working Group and Task Force Meeting(s); physical and virtual)	NCR	February to December 2022
II. On-site and Remote Inspections and Audits		
1. Audits (Office and witness; new and surveillance)	I, II, III, IV-A, IV-B, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, XIII, CAR, BARMM	February to December 2022
2. Farm Inspections (new and follow-up visits)		
III. Capability building/ Seminars/Workshops/Orientation		
1. Capability Building for Assessors and Inspectors (Physical and Virtual)	I, II, III, IV-A, IV-B, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, XIII, CAR, BARMM	April to December 2022
2. Workshop on the Development of Manual of Operations Template (Physical and Virtual)		March to December 2022
3. Seminar Orientation for Potential and Existing Accreditation Clients (Physical and Virtual)		May to December 2022

The following BAFS personnel are authorized to conduct and participate to the above-cited activities:

No.	Name of Personnel	Designation/Position
1	Dr. Vivencio R. Mamaril	Director
2	Ms. Mary Grace R. Mandigma	Assistant Director
3	Ms. Jovee S. Calleja	Chief Science Research Specialist

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No.	Name of Personnel	Designation/Position
4	Mr. Mark F. Matubang	Supervising Science Research Specialist
5	Mr. Ronald John L. Lamano	Senior Science Research Specialist
6	Mr. Vicente D. Limsan, Jr.	Science Research Specialist II
7	Ms. Geeza June V. Painaga	Science Research Specialist II
8	Mr. Jeffrey S. Garrido	Science Research Specialist II
9	Mr. Jerson Raphael A. Bontogon	Science Research Specialist I
10	Ms. Moraine M. Sumague	Science Research Specialist I
11	Mr. Jay El E. Bautista	Project Assistant IV
12	Mr. John Lawrence A. Arrogante	Science Research Specialist I
13	Ms. Clarisse Jill R. Guevara	Science Research Specialist I
14	Ms. Cris Venus F. Basas	Administrative Assistant V
15	Ms. May Ann B. Redulfa	Administrative Assistant V

Likewise, the BAFS personnel, Technical Working Group (TWG)/Task Force/Committee Members, BAFS Pool of Evaluators, and DA Pool of Experts who will serve as resource persons/speakers and technical secretariat as enumerated in the relevant Special Orders are hereby authorized to conduct and attend these activities.

Reimbursement and/or payment of food and accommodations, transportation fares, per diems, honoraria of non-DA personnel, venue and vehicle rentals, supplies and materials, various laboratory analyses that will support the monitoring activities of the BAFS and other incidental expenses is hereby authorized chargeable against BAFS Regular Funds, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations. However, Regional Field Offices of the DA and their invited participants, and members from the DA Food Safety Regulatory Agencies (DA-FSRA) may charge their travel expenses and per diems, and other identified expenses to their respective offices' Regular Funds or Organic Agriculture Funds.

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

Done this 7th of February 2022.



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Secretary

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