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MEMORANDUM ORDER
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SUBJECT: CREATION OF TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FOOD SAFETY REGULATIONS BY THE PLANT PRODUCT SAFETY SERVICES DIVISION

In the exigency of the service and to fast track the development of food safety regulations by the Plant Product Safety Services Division, the following Technical Working Groups (TWG) the are hereby created:

1. TWG for Food Safety Inspection at the Border
    a. Allen Marven Tinhay
    b. Johnell C. Villas
    c. Roxette Ann D. Quindala
2. TWG for Revision of Regulatory Fees
    a. Mark Kenneth C. Gonzales
    b. Ivy Carisse D. Mariano
    c. Cedrick Dumael
3. TWG for Protocol in Cases Detection of Food Hazards in Imported Plant Foods
    a. Julio Salvador C. Valeza
    b. Darrell DC. Benedicto
    c. Pauline Danielle A. Panganiban
4. TWG for Revision of Protocol for Export of Mango (in coordination with National Plant Quarantine Services Division, NPQSD)
    a. Jane Veena P. Gutierrez
    b. Desiree Ann S. Ballinan
    c. Sonny B. Conde
5. TWG for Protocol for Confiscated Plant Foods
    a. Julie Anne A. Aragones
    b. Sam A. Del Rosario
    c. Jenneth A. Poblete
6. TWG for Amendments of PhilGAP Guidelines
    a. Christiane Fatimah L. Decena
    b. John Leo Gavino M. Gamboa
    c. Ailene D. Galvez
7. TWG for Food Safety Measures of Rice
    a. Noreen D. Escobar
    b. Christian Allen L. Taleon
    c. Glizdale N. Lo
8. TWG for Addressing Notifications and Investigations
    a. Samuel L. Fontanilla
    b. Joseph Audley V. Tuazon
    c. Renelyn P. Sadural

9. TWG for the Revision of Requirements for Designation of Food Safety Compliance Officer
    a. Eduardo Bahinting
    b. Shienah Rose Mediana
    c. Danie Mae Caballero
10. TWG for the Amendment of the BPI Administrative Circular No. 1, Series of 2021 - Requirements on the Licensing and Registration of Food Business Operators (FBOs) Engaged in Primary Production, Minimal Processing, Storage, Transport and Distribution of Plant Food.
    a. Carlos Paul Pedracio
    b. Maria Christe Espanto
    c. Nelson John Parazo
11. TWG for the Procedures for Suspension and Revocation of Licenses
    a. Cherimae M. Borreros
    b. John Renzon Sabado
    c. Trisha Danielle Sinogbuhan
12. TWG for the Amendment of DA Department Circular No. 3, Series of 2016 - Guidelines on the Accreditation of Plant Food Testing Laboratories
    a. Janella Christine H. Co
    b. Cedrick A. Dumael
    c. Pauline Danielle Panganiban

The Technical Working Groups shall perform the following tasks relative to the assigned food safety regulations:

1. Prepare initial drafts and revisions;
2. Present the draft to the PPSSD management for review;
3. Facilitate the conduct of consultations;
4. Consolidate feedbacks from the interested parties;
5. Prepare endorsements and communications; and
6. Facilitate the publications (if applicable) and registration to UP Law Center.

For strict compliance.

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Director