

**SPECIAL ORDER**

No. 24

Series of 2024

**SUBJECT: AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT AND ATTEND ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES STANDARDS (DA-BAFS) TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION (TSD) RELATED TO THE RAPID EVALUATION OF THE USE AND IMPACT OF PHILIPPINE NATIONAL STANDARDS (PNS) FROM JULY TO DECEMBER 2024**

In the interest of the service, the DA-BAFS TSD shall conduct activities related to the rapid evaluation of the use and Impact of PNS by DA regulatory agencies. These activities include validity and reliability testings of the survey questionnaire, actual data gathering, focus group discussions, and consultations/workshops.

Pursuant to these activities, this Order authorizes the DA-BAFS Director, DA-BAFS TSD and Information Technology Unit (ITU) personnel, Evaluation Reference Group (ERG) per DA Special Order No. 847, Series of 2024, and Technical Working Group (TWG) involved in the development of PNS to participate in the following activities:

**1. Validity and Reliability Testings of Survey Questionnaire in NCR, Central Luzon, and CALABARZON, June to August 2024**

<p><b>BAFS Participants</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ms. Mary Grace R. Mandigma</li> <li>2. Ms. Katrina L. Maminta</li> <li>3. Engr. Abraham L. Perez III</li> <li>4. Ms. Hanna Alexine R. Ramos</li> <li>5. Mr. Jan Vincent DR. Tecson</li> <li>6. Ms. Aubrey Katreena L. Ramos</li> <li>7. Ms. Nikki Rose G. Alegre</li> <li>8. Mr. Joshua F. Loberiano</li> <li>10. Ms. Rosemarie V. Calibo</li> <li>11. Mr. Jillbert M. Ramer</li> </ol>
<p><b>No. of Participants</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Eight participants for Item Difficulty Testing: four personnel each from the DA-Bureau of Agricultural and Fisheries Engineering (BAFE) and the DA-Philippine Fiber Industry Development Authority (PhilFIDA);</li> <li>2. Eight participants for Item Discrimination Testing: four personnel each from the DA-Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PhilMech) and the DA-Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice);</li> <li>3. Eight participants for Face Validity Testing: four personnel each from the DA-Food Development Center (FDC) and University of the Philippines Los Banos-Agricultural Machinery Testing and Evaluation Center (UPLB-AMTEC);</li> <li>4. Eight participants for Content Validity Testing: four personnel each from the DA-National Tobacco Administration (NTA) and DA-BAFS Organic Agriculture Division - Accreditation Section (OAD-AS); and</li> <li>5. Thirty (30) participants for Reliability Testing from DA-BAFS OAD, DA-BAFE, and DA-PhilFIDA.</li> </ol>

<b>Duration</b>	1 day per test
<b>Expenses to be incurred</b>	1. DA-BAFS Personnel: per diem 2. Procurement of the following items: food and accommodation, food for the meetings, tokens, vehicle rental

## 2. Data Gathering and Focus Group Discussion (FGD) for Rapid Evaluation on the Use and Impact of PNS, Central Luzon and CALABARZON, August to September 2024

<b>BAFS Participants</b>	1. Ms. Mary Grace R. Mandigma 2. Ms. Katrina L. Maminta 3. Engr. Abraham L. Perez III 4. Ms. Hanna Alexine R. Ramos 5. Mr. Jan Vincent DR. Tecson 6. Ms. Aubrey Katreena L. Ramos 7. Ms. Nikki Rose G. Alegre 8. Mr. Joshua F. Loberiano 9. Ms. Rosemarie V. Calibo 10. Mr. Jillbert M. Ramer
<b>No. of Participants</b>	1. At least 24 participants from the DA-National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS), DA-Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), and DA-National Dairy Authority (NDA); 2. At least 16 participants from the DA-Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI) and DA-Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA); and 3. At least 24 participants from the DA-Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), DA- Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA), and DA-Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA).
<b>Duration</b>	3 days per area (inclusive of travel time)
<b>Expenses to be incurred</b>	1. DA-BAFS Personnel: per diem 2. Procurement of the following items: food and accommodation, tokens, vehicle rental

## 3. Workshop for the Validation of Data for Rapid Evaluation on the Use and Impact of PNS, CAR and Central Visayas, October to November 2024

<b>BAFS Participants</b>	1. Dir. Karen Kristine A. Roscom, PhD 2. Ms. Mary Grace R. Mandigma 3. Ms. Katrina L. Maminta 4. Engr. Abraham L. Perez III 5. Ms. Hanna Alexine R. Ramos 6. Mr. Jan Vincent DR. Tecson 7. Ms. Aubrey Katreena L. Ramos 8. Ms. Nikki Rose G. Alegre 9. Mr. Joshua F. Loberiano 10. Ms. Rosemarie V. Calibo 11. Mr. Jillbert M. Ramer 12. Mr. Samuel Gelilio
<b>No. of Participants</b>	1. Total of 15 participants for Data Analysis Workshop from DA-BAFS and ERG per DA SO No. 847, series of 2024; and 2. Total of 30 participants for Data Validation Workshop from DA-BAFS, ERG per DA SO No. 837, series of 2024, and TWG from

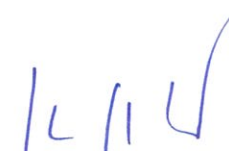
	the DA Food Safety Regulatory Agencies that were involved in the development of various PNS
<b>Duration</b>	4 days (inclusive of travel time)
<b>Expenses to be incurred</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. DA-BAFS Personnel: per diem</li> <li>2. Procurement of the following items: food and accommodation, tokens, vehicle rental</li> </ol>

Expenses incurred for the conduct of the above activities such as those indicated per activity shall be chargeable against DA BAFS Regular Funds. Meanwhile, traveling expenses and per diem of the DA-BAFS Regional Coordinator and Focal Person which include traveling expenses, per diem, and food accommodation shall be charged to the funds of their respective offices. These are subject to the availability of funds and the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations. Reimbursement and/or payment of other expenses incurred relative to accomplishing the above-mentioned tasks are also allowed.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until revoked in writing.

All orders, memoranda, and issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 20 day of JUNE 2024.

  
**KAREN KRISTINE A. ROSCOM, PFT, PhD**  
 Director IV  
2024.6.20

