



**MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**

**FOR :** WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.  
 Secretary

**FROM :** OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

**SUBJECT :** REQUEST FOR APPROVAL AND ENDORSEMENT OF FINAL DRAFT OF PHILIPPINE NATIONAL STANDARD (PNS) FOR THE CODE OF HYGIENIC PRACTICE (COHP) FOR THE SALE OF FRESH AGRICULTURE AND FISHERY PRODUCTS IN MARKETS AND AUTHORIZED OUTLETS

**DATE :** December 7, 2020

The DA-Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS) has revised the Philippine National Standard (PNS) for the Code of Hygienic Practice (COHP) for the Sale of Fresh Agriculture and Fishery Products in Markets and Authorized Outlets (PNS/BAFPS 46:2006) to update the recommended practices for preparing, handling and selling fresh fruits and vegetables, fish and fishery products and meat. The revised version highlights practices to ensure that the quality and food safety of fresh agriculture and fishery products are fit for human consumption.

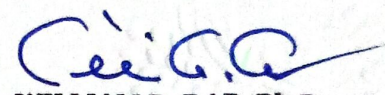
The said standard was reviewed through a series of meetings and presented to a public information forum conducted in NCR with attendance from various stakeholders of the government, private sector, academe, and NGO.

As a concluding step for standards development, we are submitting the final draft standard for your approval and consequent endorsement to the Bureau of Philippine Standards (BPS) for appropriate numbering and inclusion in the PNS repository. The final draft PNS is attached herewith as Annex A.

For your perusal.

  
**MYER G. MULA, Ph.D.**  
 10/12/20

**APPROVED/DISAPPROVED:**

  
**WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.**  
 Secretary

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