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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

THROUGH : LEOCADIO S. SEBASTIAN
 Undersecretary-designate and Chief-of-Staff

FROM : OFFICE OF THE OIC - DIRECTOR

SUBJECT : REQUEST FOR APPROVAL AND ENDORSEMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL STANDARD (PNS) FOR AGRICULTURAL STRUCTURE - LAIRAGE - SWINE

This has reference to the revision of the PNS Agricultural Structure - Lairage - Swine. A copy of the final draft PNS is herewith attached, for your perusal.

With the endorsement of the Philippine Agricultural Engineering Standards (PAES) Task Force, the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS) undertook the revision of the PAES Agricultural Structures - Lairage for Swine, Small and Large Animals (PAES 410:2000) in 2017. Technical Working Group (TWG) were created through Special Order (SO) No. 487, series of 2017 (Creation of the Technical Working Group for the development of PNS for Cattle Restrainer and for the revision of PAES for Slaughterhouse and Lairage) and SO No. 322, series of 2019 (Creation of Technical Committee and Technical Working Group for Agriculture and Fishery Products and Machinery Tools and Equipment). These TWGs were composed of representatives from the government agencies, academe, and private sector. The revised PAES, which is now a BAFS PNS, is divided into two (2) parts: Swine and Ruminants. The PNS for Agricultural Structure - Lairage - Swine aimed to provide guidance to national and local authorities, engineers and other technical personnel, traders, processors, and other relevant stakeholders on the design of lairage for slaughterhouse of swine intended for human consumption. The final draft standard was reviewed through a series of stakeholder consultations conducted via online platforms.

As a concluding step, we are submitting the final draft standard for your approval and subsequent endorsement to the Department of Trade Industry- Bureau of Philippine Standards (DTI-BPS) for appropriate numbering and inclusion in the PNS repository.

For your approval and signature, Sir.

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