

**SPECIAL ORDER**

No. 01  
 Series of 2024

**SUBJECT: AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT AND ATTEND LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES STANDARDS TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION (DA BAFS-TSD) RELATED TO PHILIPPINE NATIONAL STANDARDS (PNS) PROMOTION FROM FEBRUARY TO NOVEMBER 2024**

In the interest of the service, the DA-BAFS TSD shall conduct learning & development (L&D) activities related to the promotion of the adopted PNS. These activities include the conduct of webinars and physical seminars on food safety and quality standards. Thus, this Order authorizes the BAFS-TSD, and invited resource speakers from the Technical Working Group (TWG) or DA Regulatory Agency to participate in the following activities:

**1. BAFS Webinar on Food Safety and Quality Standards from February to November 2024**

<b>PNS Covered</b>	Organic Swine; Organic Poultry; Organic Aquaculture	February 13-15; November 12-14
	Green Coffee Beans; Coffee Grinder - Specifications and Methods of Test; Coffee Huller - Specifications and Methods of Test; Coffee Roaster - Specifications; Green Coffee Bean Sorter - Specifications and Methods of Test	April 10-11
	Chilled or Frozen Crabs — Code of Practice; Fresh and Quick Frozen Raw Scallop Products; Code of Practice (COP) for Fresh and Quick Frozen Raw Scallop Products; Quick Frozen Lobsters; Code of Practice for the Processing of Lobsters	May 22-23
	Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Mycotoxin Contamination in Cereals; Code of Practice (COP) for the Prevention and Reduction of Ochratoxin A Contamination in Coffee; Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Ochratoxin A Contamination in Philippine Cacao Beans	June 5-6
	Pork Carcass Product Standard — Grading; Prepackaged Fresh Chilled and Fresh Frozen Meat - Product Standard - Labeling; Code of Halal Slaughtering Practice for Ruminants; Code of Slaughtering Practice for Goats	October 9-10



<b>Resource Speakers</b>	Resource speakers from any of the following offices: 1. Representative of the DA Regulatory Agencies 2. Members of the PNS Technical Working Group (TWG)
<b>Duration</b>	1-2 days per webinar
<b>Expenses to be incurred</b>	Resource speakers: Honorarium for non-DA personnel

**2. BAFS Food Safety Seminar for DA Food Safety Regulatory Agencies (FSRA) in the National Capital Region (NCR) from June to October 2024**

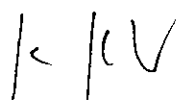
<b>PNS covered</b>	Establishment of Microbiological Criteria for Food; Principles and Guidelines for the Conduct of Microbiological Risk Assessment
	General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed; General Methods of Analysis for Contaminants in Food and Feed — Guidelines
<b>Participants</b>	33 representatives from DA Food Safety Regulatory Agencies and DA-BAFS
<b>Resource Speakers</b>	2 resource speakers from any of the following offices: 1. Members of the PNS Technical Working Group (TWG) 2. Representatives of the DA FSRAs
<b>Duration</b>	3 days per seminar
<b>Expenses to be incurred</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resource speakers: Per diem, honorarium (for non-DA personnel)</li> <li>• Procurement of the following items: food and lease of venue</li> </ul>

Expenses incurred for the conduct of the above activities such as those indicated per each activity shall be chargeable against DA BAFS Regular Funds. 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 5 day of MARCH 2024.

  
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