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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT : CREATION OF SPECIAL REVIEW TEAM (SRT) ON THE PROCUREMENT AND DISTRIBUTION OF FERTILIZERS UNDER THE RICE RESILIENCY PROGRAM

In the interest of the service, a Special Review Team (SRT) is hereby created to provide guidelines on the review of the procurement and distribution of fertilizers under the Rice Resiliency Program and shall be composed of the following:

- Chairperson :** **ATTY. ARMANDO R. CROBALDE, JR.**
OIC-Director, Legal Service
- Vice Chairperson:** **ATTY. JOAN Q. JAGONOS-OLIVA**
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Executive Director, Bantay Presyo Task Force (BaPTF)
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Supervising Administrative Officer, OSEC
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Technical Adviser, OSEC

Luzon Sub-Team

- Members: Atty. Nefretery M. Nufable, Legal Service
Atty. Cipriano G. Santiago, OSEC
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Mr. Julius T. Bracamonte, BaPTF

Visayas Sub Team

- Members: Atty. Lorna Lugod, Legal Service
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Mindanao Sub-Team

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Ms. Ma. Sonia Calleja, FPA
Mr. Melito M. Montenegro, BaPTF

Duties and Responsibilities:

1. The Special Review Team shall perform the following:
 - Conduct validation of documents and/or processes in relation to the subject procurement to ensure compliance with the pertinent laws, rules, regulations, and other related issuances;
 - Inspect and verify the availability and adequacy of fertilizer stocks;
 - Review the fertilizer procurement transaction under the Rice Resiliency Program; and
 - Submit its findings and recommendation to the Secretary.

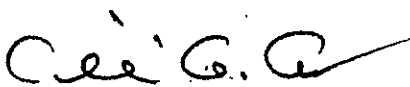
2. The Sub-Teams shall perform the following:
 - Validate the distribution of fertilizers at the regional, provincial, municipal and end-user levels to ensure that its utilization is consistent with the intended purpose; and
 - Perform other functions as may be necessary.

As such, they shall be entitled to travelling expenses, per diems and other incidental expenses that may be incurred in the performance of their functions, duties and responsibilities, chargeable against OSEC Funds and respective agencies' funds, subject to existing government accounting and auditing rules and procedures.

All officials and employees of the Department of Agriculture, including Bureaus, Attached Agencies and Corporations, DA Service Units and Regional Field Offices are hereby advised to give their full support and cooperation to the SRT members in the performance of their duties and responsibilities.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain enforced unless revoked in writing. All orders and issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 19 day of May 2020.



WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.
Secretary

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