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**SPECIAL ORDER**

No. 450  
Series of 2021

**SUBJECT : AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT INSPECTIONS OF FARMS UNDER PARTICIPATORY GUARANTEE SYSTEM (PGS) AND AUDITS OF ORGANIC CERTIFYING BODIES (OCBs)**

In the interest of service and pursuant to Sections 13 and 14 of the Republic Act No. 10068, as amended by RA 11511 otherwise known as the "Amendment to Organic Agriculture Act of 2010", particularly for the accreditation of organic certifying bodies (OCBs) including core PGS groups, the following Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS) technical personnel are hereby authorized to conduct inspections of farms under Participatory Guarantee System (PGS), office and witness audits of organic certifying bodies:

Name of Personnel	Position	Division
1. Mr. Vicente D. Limsan, Jr.	Science Research Specialist II	Organic Agriculture - Accreditation Section
2. Ms. Geeza June V. Painaga	Science Research Specialist II	
3. Mr. Jeffrey S. Garrido	Science Research Specialist II	
4. Mr. Jerson Raphael A. Bontogon	Science Research Specialist I	
5. Mr. Gio Renzo M. Caballero	Project Assistant IV	
6. Mr. Jay El E. Bautista	Science Research Specialist I	
7. Mr. John Lawrence A. Arrogante	Science Research Specialist I	

The BAFS technical personnel shall have the following duties:

1. Conduct field inspections of farms under PGS for certification;
2. Conduct audits (office and witness audits) to OCBs;
3. Conduct surveillance audits to accredited OCBs; and
4. Prepare and submit assessment reports.

The said activities will be conducted in all Regions.

All expenses to be incurred in the performance of duties enumerated above shall be authorized chargeable against the DA-BAFS Regular Funds, subject to the availability of funds and the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

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

Done this 28th of June 2021.

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

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