



21 January 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

TO : WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.
 Secretary

FROM : OFFICE OF THE OIC-DIRECTOR

SUBJECT : REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE TO CONDUCT AND ATTEND THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES STANDARDS (BAFS) FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF VARIOUS PHILIPPINE NATIONAL STANDARDS (PNS) FOR CY 2021 AT STANDARD HOTELS IN SELECTED REGIONS

The Bureau will conduct the following activities related to its functions on the development of standards in selected regions for the period of April to November 2021:

Title of Activity	Venue
A. Public Consultative Workshops / Stakeholders Consultation	
1. Public Consultative Workshops for the Various Philippine National Standard related to Finfish	National Capital Region (NCR)
2. Stakeholders Consultation for the Development of PNS for Pineapple Fiber - Grading and Classification	Western Visayas (Region VI)
3. Stakeholders Consultation for the Development of PNS for Pineapple Fiber - Grading and Classification	Bicol Region (Region V)
4. Stakeholders Consultation for the Development of Philippine National Standard (PNS) for Salago Fiber	Central Visayas (Region VII)
5. Stakeholders Consultation for the development of PNS for Milk - Water Buffalo - Specifications	National Capital region (NCR)
6. Stakeholders Consultation for the revision of Philippine National Standard (PNS) for Table Eggs - Specification	National Capital Region (NCR)
7. Stakeholders Consultation for PNS related to Seaweeds	National Capital Region (NCR)
B. Field Data Gathering	
1. Field Data Gathering for Philippine National Standard related to Seaweeds	Zamboanga Peninsula (Region IX)
2. Field Data Gathering for the Adoption of Codex Standard for Table Grapes as PNS	Western Visayas (Region VI)
3. Field Data Gathering for the revision of PNS for Table Eggs - Specification	Central Luzon (Region III)
4. Field Data Gathering for Philippine National Standard related to Seaweeds	Central Visayas (Region VII)
5. Field Data Gathering for the Adoption of Codex Standard for Table Grapes as PNS	Ilocos Region (Region I)
6. Field Data Gathering for the Development of Philippine National Standards (PNS) on Heirloom Rice	Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR)



Title of Activity	Venue
7. Field Data Gathering for the Development of PNS Bottle Gourd	CALABARZON (Region IV-A)
8. Field Data Gathering for the Development of PNS Sweet Corn	CALABARZON (Region IV-A)
9. Field Data Gathering for Philippine National Standard related to Live and Raw Bivalve Mollusc	CALABARZON (Region IV-A)
10. Field Data Gathering for Philippine National Standard related to Live and Raw Bivalve Mollusc	Western Visayas (Region VI)
11. Field Data Gathering for the development of PNS for Native Pork Cuts	CALABARZON (Region IV-A)
12. Field Data Gathering for the Development of PNS for Solar Power Irrigation System	Cagayan Valley (Region II)
13. Field Data Gathering for the Revision of Philippine Agricultural Engineering Standards (PAES) for Biogas Plant	SOCCSKSARGEN (Region XII)
14. Field Data Gathering for the Revision of Philippine Agricultural Engineering Standards (PAES) for Biogas Plant	CALABARZON (Region IV-A)
15. Field Data Gathering for Philippine National Standard related to Crabs	Ilocos Region (Region I)
16. Field Data Gathering for the development of PNS for Animal Carcass - Beef - Grading	CALABARZON (Region IV-A)

These activities aim to seek comments, suggestions and recommendations from our stakeholders (e.g., producers/farmers, traders, importers, exporters, regulatory agencies, academe, peoples' organizations and consumer groups) for the provisions. Likewise, to impart them knowledge and updates on PNS regarding food safety and quality, workers' safety and welfare, and environmental management.

Based on the experience of the Bureau from 2018-2019, there was a difficulty to avail the services of government facilities as the suppliers for the venue and provision of foods since no government agency can accommodate (rooms for functions and accommodations) and provide catering services to the expected number of participating stakeholders. Most of the caterers are outsourced and require cash instead of the usual send bill arrangement for the payment.

In view of this, we would like to seek clearance for the conduct of the abovementioned activities at standard hotels. We have attached herewith copy of the approved Special Order No. 52 series of 2021 authorizing the bureau to conduct and attend such activities (Annex A), and the budget allocated for each activity (Annex B).

We hope that this elucidation merits your favorable response and approval, Sir.



MYER G. MULA, Ph.D.

APPROVED BY:



WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.
Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE


In replying pls cite this code :
For Signature: S-01-21-0556

Received : 01/27/2021 02:32 PM

BPI Compound, Visayas Avenue,
Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines
Trunkline: (632) 928-8741 to 64 loc. 3312
E-mail: Info.dabafs@gmail.com
Website: www.bafs.da.gov.ph



An affiliate of
IFOAM
ORGANICS
INTERNATIONAL



Title of Activity	Venue
7. Field Data Gathering for the Development of PNS Bottle Gourd	CALABARZON (Region IV-A)
8. Field Data Gathering for the Development of PNS Sweet Corn	CALABARZON (Region IV-A)
9. Field Data Gathering for Philippine National Standard related to Live and Raw Bivalve Mollusc	CALABARZON (Region IV-A)
10. Field Data Gathering for Philippine National Standard related to Live and Raw Bivalve Mollusc	Western Visayas (Region VI)
11. Field Data Gathering for the development of PNS for Native Pork Cuts	CALABARZON (Region IV-A)
12. Field Data Gathering for the Development of PNS for Solar Power Irrigation System	Cagayan Valley (Region II)
13. Field Data Gathering for the Revision of Philippine Agricultural Engineering Standards (PAES) for Biogas Plant	SOCCSKSARGEN (Region XII)
14. Field Data Gathering for the Revision of Philippine Agricultural Engineering Standards (PAES) for Biogas Plant	CALABARZON (Region IV-A)
15. Field Data Gathering for Philippine National Standard related to Crabs	Ilocos Region (Region I)
16. Field Data Gathering for the development of PNS for Animal Carcass - Beef - Grading	CALABARZON (Region IV-A)

These activities aim to seek comments, suggestions and recommendations from our stakeholders (e.g., producers/farmers, traders, importers, exporters, regulatory agencies, academe, peoples' organizations and consumer groups) for the provisions. Likewise, to impart them knowledge and updates on PNS regarding food safety and quality, workers' safety and welfare, and environmental management.

Based on the experience of the Bureau from 2018-2019, there was a difficulty to avail the services of government facilities as the suppliers for the venue and provision of foods since no government agency can accommodate (rooms for functions and accommodations) and provide catering services to the expected number of participating stakeholders. Most of the caterers are outsourced and require cash instead of the usual send bill arrangement for the payment.


In view of this, we would like to seek clearance for the conduct of the abovementioned activities at standard hotels. We have attached herewith copy of the approved Special Order No. 52 series of 2021 authorizing the bureau to conduct and attend such activities (Annex A), and the budget allocated for each activity (Annex B).

We hope that this elucidation merits your favorable response and approval, Sir.


MYER G. MULA, Ph.D.



APPROVED BY:


WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.
 Secretary

BPI Compound, Visayas Avenue,
 Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines
 Trunkline: (632) 928-8741 to 64 loc. 3312
 E-mail: Info.dabafs@gmail.com
 Website: www.bafs.da.gov.ph



An affiliate of
IFOAM
 ORGANICS
 INTERNATIONAL



"A food-secure Philippines with prosperous farmers and fisherfolk"