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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 01
Series of 2020

SUBJECT: AMENDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 16, SERIES OF 2019 ENTITLED "ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENT-WIDE POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR THE NEW DA VISION OF "A FOOD SECURE PHILIPPINES WITH PROSPEROUS FARMERS AND FISHERS" AND INSTITUTING MEASURES THEREFOR FOR BETTER PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY, GREATER EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY, ENHANCED TRANSPARENCY. AND STRONGER ACCOUNTABILITY TOWARDS DOUBLING THE INCOMES OF SMALL FARMERS AND FISHERS WITHIN FIVE YEARS"

SECTION 1. PURPOSE. – To reflect the results of proceedings during the Department of Agriculture Management Committee meeting last December 20, 2019 and update Administrative Order 16, Series of 2019 with the additional directives as discussed, this Administrative Order is hereby issued to amend Administrative Order No. 16, Series of 2019.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENTS TO SELECTED ITEMS FOR THE NEW DA-WIDE POLICY INITIATIVES. – The following items in SECTION 4 of Administrative Order No. 16, Series of 2019 are hereby amended to now read as follows:

1. **"A. Institutionalization.** – All units, bureaus, attached agencies, boards, banner programs, and special projects under the Department of Agriculture are hereby directed to incorporate the above strategies and core principles in all their short-term, medium-term, and long-term plans, protocols and activities, including those of on-going P/A/Ps, budgets and NGA documents and reports, performance targets and indicators to be monitored, for submission to the Office of the Undersecretary for Policy and Planning."
2. **"D. Review and Audit of Program Beneficiaries.** – In order to ensure the sustainability and increase beneficial impact of the DA's programs and projects to more farmers and fisher-folk, the Department shall undertake a comprehensive review and audit of the list of beneficiaries that have received DA assistance in the last five years, learn from lessons that may arise there from and enhance/update the systems and protocols in future implementations of existing as well as new DA programs and projects. This may entail third party audit, institutional research partnerships with relevant agencies, and designated consultants, to be coordinated by Office of the Undersecretary for Policy and Planning."



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3. ***F. Information Support Systems and Knowledge Sharing.*** – The DA-ICIS, in consultation with the Office of the Undersecretary for Policy and Planning and the various operating units, bureaus, and attached agencies, shall develop web-based information support systems to provide more efficient sourcing of agriculture information and data, enable faster reporting by DA units, programs and agencies, enhance decision support mechanisms to ensure the quality of policy choices. All units, bureaus, attached agencies, boards, banner programs, and special projects under the Department of Agriculture are likewise directed to provide regular updates in their respective activities to be shared within the Department’s Executive Committee under this Agri-Information Support Portal.

4. ***G. Review and Updating of the Agency-Wide Rationalization Plan.*** – Consistent with the Executive Order No. 366, Series of 2004, a three-member Working Group to be headed by the Undersecretary for Administration, with the Undersecretary for Policy and Planning and the Chief of Staff as members, shall undertake a review and updating of the agency-wide rationalization plan in consultation with all DA units, bureaus, and attached agencies, assess the current thematic assignments and work of the various DA units, programs, bureaus, and agencies vis-à-vis the DA-Wide Policy Framework and the “New Thinking”, and submit their recommendations to the Secretary within 90 days.

5. ***H. Establishment of the Agriculture PPP Support System.*** – The Undersecretary for Policy and Planning, together with the Undersecretaries for Regulations and for High Value Crops shall formulate and implement the necessary support programs, partnerships, and mechanisms to encourage and fast track investments into PPP in agriculture, agri-infrastructure and agri-business. The Project Development Service (PDS) shall act as the main support and monitoring group to guide and assist potential PPP investor groups for agri-infrastructure, agri-processing, and agri-logistics projects.

6. ***I. Adoption of Quality Standards of Performance.*** – All units, bureaus, attached agencies, boards, banner programs, and special projects under the Department of Agriculture shall endeavor to adopt a standard or system of quality management, transparency, institutional accountability, and/or due diligence, including but not limited to ISO 9001:2015 certifications and/or active partnership with the Integrity initiative movement in order to ensure continuing reviews and enhancement of their protocols and processes. This effort shall be undertaken by the Undersecretary for Administration, in coordination with the Undersecretary for Policy and Planning.



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SECTION 3. NEW ITEMS UNDER THE NEW DA-WIDE POLICY INITIATIVES - In addition to the initial ten DA-Wide Policy Initiatives, the following items will be added to SECTION 4 of the new Department-Wide Policy Framework (A.O. No. 16, Series of 2019) and are as follows:

"K. Strategy on the Development of Rural Industries - Together with the Bureau of Agricultural Research (BAR), the Planning and Management Service (PMS) shall prepare a study and recommend the appropriate strategies to speed up rural industrialization and the development of agri-related enterprises and agri-support activities, taking into account the essential roles of research and agri-innovation hubs, support for agri-preneurship and technology incubation, and the need for competitive markets."

"L. Strategy on Production Corridors - In partnership with the Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM), the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), the Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI), and the Agriculture and Management Assistance Service (AMAS), the Project Development Service (PDS) is hereby tasked to prepare a study on commodity production corridors that will maximize the agricultural development potential and the comparative advantages of each region and major island group, and provide recommendations on the appropriate policy, project, and program interventions needed by the identified key players and stakeholders."

"M. Farm Consolidation and Clustering - Under the direction of the Undersecretary for Policy and Planning, a composite team with representatives from the Bureau of Agriculture Research (BAR), Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fisheries (PCAF), Planning and Monitoring Service (PMS), System-Wide Climate Change Office (SWACCO) and the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) shall conduct research and piloting on the various strategies and configurations of farm consolidation, collectivization, and clustering with inputs from the BAI, BPI, and the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR)."

"N. Agri-Export Development Strategy - Under the direction of the Undersecretary for Consumer Affairs, the AMAS, in coordination with the BAI, BPI, and BFAR, shall update the existing export strategies and plans for the top export commodities and expand the list of commodities for export development. The Foreign Agricultural Service Corps shall provide relevant information and knowledge inputs with respect to food and agriculture trends that Philippine agriculture producers and processors may adopt or consider.

"O. Development of a National Agriculture Logistics Plan - In addition to his current responsibilities and functions, the Undersecretary for Regulations is hereby tasked to coordinate with the Philippine Center for Postharvest



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Development and Mechanization (PHilMech), the AMAS, BAI, BPI, and BFAR in developing plans and strategies towards the development of a national agriculture logistics system.”

“P. Institutional Development – Under the direction of the Undersecretary for Policy and Planning, the Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fisheries (PCAF) shall prepare the appropriate plans and strategies that will speed up the adoption of value chains and ‘New Thinking’ in the countryside. In relation to this, the PCAF shall:

- a) identify top cooperatives that will take the lead in the adoption, implementation, and dissemination of the said thrusts;
- b) coordinate with the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) in terms of forging partnerships for the gradual adaptation and practice of DA’s Policy Framework; and
- c) engage with civil society organizations (CSOs) in systematically organizing activities and programs that will make them adopt the value chain approach and ‘New Thinking’.”

SECTION 4. ON REPORTS. – Section 5 of Administrative Order No. 16, Series of 2019 is hereby amended to now read as follows:

“SECTION 5. REPORTORIAL REQUIREMENTS. *The concerned officials, units, agencies and other relevant parties involved in the operationalization and progress of the above-cited initiatives shall submit regular **quarterly** reports and updates to the Chief of Staff regarding their actions, accomplishments, and concerns, for review, evaluation, and appropriate action by the Office of the Secretary.*”

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVITY. – These amendments shall take effect immediately.

DONE this 2nd day of January 2020.


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Secretary

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