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FISHERIES OFFICE
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SUBJECT : Creation of the Fish Inspection and Quality Assurance Service (FIQAS)

In the exigency of the service, the Fish Inspection and Quality Assurance Service is hereby created composed of the following Units.

1. Product Certification and Administrative Support Unit.

Head	:	Consuelo C. Baltazar	Supervising Aquaculturist
Staff	:	Macaria Andrade	Senior Aquaculturist
		Corazon de la Cruz	Aquaculturist I
		Golda Mier Teodosio	Contractual
		Nino Carlo Isnit	Contractual

2. HACCP - Based Inspection Unit

Head	:	Amor G. Diaz	Aquaculturist I
Staff	:	Lucerna Icapin	Aquaculturist II
		Cristina Nuqui	Sr. Aquaculturist
		Reymundo Nebres	Aquaculturist II
		Dennis Tiotangco	Aquaculturist I
		Haide Rojas	Aquaculturist I
		Josefina Genesera	Supervising Aquaculturist
		Virginia Valiente	Sr. Aquaculturist

3. Laboratory Quality Assurance Committee

Coordinator	:	Flor F. Abella	-Chief. PHTD
	:	Belinda Raymundo	-Chief.FPTLS
Unit Heads	:	Simeona Regidor	-Chief. FHS
	:	Sandra Arcamo	-Chief. FRMD

- g. Recommended establishments for approval/ delisting based on results of inspection/ monitoring.
- h. Coordination with the regional offices on matters related to the conduct of fish inspection in their areas of jurisdiction.

3. Laboratory Quality Assurance Committee

- a. Formulation of a systematic operational procedures in the laboratory;
- b. Upgrading and maintenance of laboratory equipment;
- c. Development and implementation of Standard Operating Procedures in the laboratory;
- d. Monitoring and evaluation of the operation of the regional laboratories;
- e. Establishment of effective sampling procedures for the monitoring of residues, chemical and microbiological contaminants, and marine biotoxins and the production of respective manuals;
- f. Formulation of protocols and implementation of the sharing of laboratory equipment, among the in-house laboratories including the introduction of the necessary upgrades for the identified equipment.

The above-cited units shall collaborate closely with each other on matters related to export fishery and aquaculture products quality and safety assurance.

All BFAR units at the national and regional levels shall extend assistance and support to the above- cited groupings and help ensure the smooth implementation of this Order.

This order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until revoked in writing by the undersigned. All order and memoranda inconsistent herewith is hereby revoked.

(SIGNED)

MALCOLM I. SARMIENTO, JR.
Director