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**FOR / TO : Undersecretaries  
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This Department**

For information and guidance, attached is a certified copies of the following Presidential Issuances:

1. Administrative Order No. 23 dated February 21, 2020 entitled: **"ELIMINATING OVERREGULATION TO PROMOTE EFFICIENCY OF GOVERNMENT PROCESSES."**
2. Executive Order No. 105 dated February 21, 2020 entitled: **"CREATING A NATIONAL TASK FORCE TO PREVENT THE ENTRY OF ANIMAL-BORNE DISEASES, CONTAIN AND CONTROL THE TRANSMISSION THEREOF, AND ADDRESS ISSUES RELATING THERETO."**

A copy of said Presidential Issuances may also be downloaded from the **DPWH website: <http://dpwhweb>**. If an office cannot access the DPWH website, a hard copy may be obtained from the Records Management Division, HRAS, upon request.

For dissemination to all concerned.

**MARICHU A. PALAFOX, CESO III**  
Assistant Secretary for Support Services

Encl: Administrative Order No. 23 dated February 21, 2020  
Executive Order No. 105 dated February 21, 2020

cc: Office of the Secretary

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**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 23**

**ELIMINATING OVERREGULATION TO PROMOTE EFFICIENCY OF  
GOVERNMENT PROCESSES**

**WHEREAS**, Section 20, Article II of the Constitution recognizes the indispensable role of the private sector, encourages private enterprise, and provides incentives to needed investments;

**WHEREAS**, under Section 2 of Republic Act (RA) No. 9485, as amended by RA No. 11032 or the "Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018," the State is mandated to maintain a program for the adoption of simplified requirements and procedures that will reduce red tape and expedite business and nonbusiness related transactions in government;

**WHEREAS**, increasing competitiveness and the ease of doing business are pillars of this Administration's Ten-Point Socio-economic Agenda;

**WHEREAS**, excessive regulations at all levels of government, which are more than necessary to implement their respective mandates, create high costs on businesses, inhibit job creation, and discourage private sector investment;

**WHEREAS**, under Section 17 of RA No. 9485, as amended, the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) is mandated to implement various ease of doing business and anti-red tape reform initiatives aimed at improving the regulatory environment to be more conducive to business operations;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to RA No. 9485, as amended, the ARTA shall coordinate with all government offices in the review of existing laws and executive issuances, and recommend the repeal of the same if deemed outdated, redundant and adds undue regulatory burden to the transacting public;

**WHEREAS**, Section 3(c), Rule IV of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of RA No. 11032, requires all government agencies to review their respective Citizen's Charters, especially on the procedures, steps, processing time, documentary requirements and fees, with the end view of identifying and eliminating costly, redundant, unnecessary, ineffective and outdated regulations;

**WHEREAS**, RA No. 11234 or the "Energy Virtual One-Stop Shop Act," aims to ensure timely completion of energy-related projects by, among others, eliminating duplication, redundancy and overlapping mandates in documentary submissions and

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processes, and for such purpose, the Energy Virtual One-Stop Shop (EVOSS) Steering Committee was established with the Office of the President as Chairperson; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 17, Article VII of the Constitution vests in the President the power of control over all executive departments, bureaus and offices;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby order:

**Section 1. Elimination of Overregulation.** All national government agencies covered by Section 3 of RA No. 9485, as amended, are directed to hasten the reform of their processes in order to eliminate overregulation. They shall retain only such steps, procedures and requirements as may be necessary to fulfill their legal mandates and policy objectives. All processes in excess thereof, including those which are redundant or burdensome to the public, shall be deemed manifestations of overregulation and shall be removed accordingly.

In pursuit of the reforms directed herein, the entirety of an agency's processes for the availing of its services shall be subject to scrutiny, from the most established and longstanding aspects thereof to the most recent. The imposition of tedious or time-consuming regulations on socially beneficial activities, as to render such activity impossible or extremely difficult to undertake, shall be especially targeted for reform.

**Section 2. Compliance.** The ARTA, pursuant to its mandates under RA No. 9485, as amended, in coordination with the Anti-Red Tape Unit established per covered agency, shall monitor and ensure compliance with this directive to eliminate overregulation.

Within sixty (60) working days from the effectivity of this Order, all national government agencies covered under Section 3 of RA No. 9485, as amended, shall provide the ARTA, copy furnished the Office of the President, with a Compliance Report on how their respective Citizen's Charters conform with the requirements of RA No. 9485, as amended. In particular, the Compliance Report shall contain the following:

- a. List of regulations issued by the covered agency that govern each type of service offered to the public;
- b. Particular steps or procedures, requirements and processing times necessary to be accomplished per service, as indicated in the agency's revised/updated Citizen's Charter;
- c. The legal basis for each regulation, as well as the legal or policy justification for each step or procedure and requirement; and
- d. Relevant provisions of its Citizen's Charter which comply with RA No. 9485, as amended, especially on Section 5 (*Reengineering of Systems and Procedures*), Section 7 (*Zero-Contact Policy*), and Section 9 (*Accessing Government Services*) including the prescribed processing times and limitation on the number of signatories.

**Section 3. Processes Applicable to Energy-Related Projects.** For processes applicable to energy-related projects, the timelines provided by RA No. 11234 shall be complied with.

**Section 4. Review and Reporting.** The ARTA shall review and evaluate the Compliance Reports submitted by the covered agencies, and within six (6) months from the deadline of submission of the said reports shall submit to the Office of the President, through the Office of the Executive Secretary, its findings and recommendations, including the compliance of covered agencies to the requirements of RA No. 9485, as amended, as well as data on the total number of regulations repealed, percentage of rules cut or simplified, and estimated amount of regulatory costs saved by the Government per covered agency as a result of implementing this Order.

With respect to covered agencies with processes falling within the scope of RA No. 11234, the ARTA shall review and evaluate their Compliance Reports, and formulate its findings and recommendations, in coordination with the EVOSS Steering Committee.

**Section 5. Sanctions.** Failure to comply with this Order shall result in the filing of appropriate administrative cases pursuant to the Civil Service Commission Rules on Administrative Cases in the Civil Service, and other relevant laws, rules and regulations.

**Section 6. Repealing Clause.** All other executive issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**Section 7. Separability.** Should any part or provision of this Order be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other parts or provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force or effect.

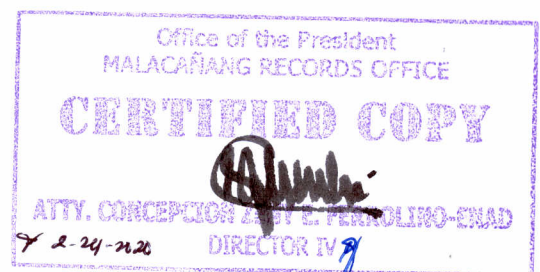
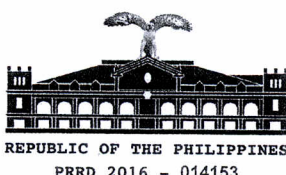
**Section 8. Effectivity.** This Order shall take effect immediately.

**DONE**, in the City of Manila, this **21<sup>st</sup>** day of **February**, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty.



By the President:

  
**SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA**  
Executive Secretary





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**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 105**

**CREATING A NATIONAL TASK FORCE TO PREVENT THE ENTRY  
OF ANIMAL-BORNE DISEASES, CONTAIN AND CONTROL THE  
TRANSMISSION THEREOF, AND ADDRESS ISSUES RELATING  
THERETO**

**WHEREAS**, Section 3(b) of Act No. 3639 mandates the Department of Agriculture, through the Bureau of Animal Industry, to control and eradicate dangerous communicable diseases of domestic animals;

**WHEREAS**, under Republic Act (RA) No. 10611 or the "Food Safety Act of 2013," it is the policy of the State to protect the public from food-borne and water-borne illnesses, and unsanitary, unwholesome, misbranded or adulterated food;

**WHEREAS**, Section 2 of RA No. 9296 or the "Meat Inspection Code of the Philippines," declares it a policy of the State to prevent the entry of disease-carrying animals into meat establishments and ensure the safety and quality of imported meat and meat products through proper preservation, inspection and documentation, for the purpose of protecting animal health and promoting the livestock industry;

**WHEREAS**, the African Swine Fever (ASF), despite having no known effect to humans, is a severe, highly contagious and fatal disease affecting domestic and wild pigs, caused by a resistant virus with no developed cure to date;

**WHEREAS**, ASF outbreaks have been reported in European countries and some neighboring Southeast Asian countries, causing major production and economic losses;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Agriculture has confirmed that backyard and commercial farms in several areas in Luzon have been affected by the ASF virus, and more than 67,000 hogs have been culled to control the spread of said disease;

**WHEREAS**, the current ASF outbreak, which poses catastrophic effects on the Philippines' swine industry, the production supply chain and the economy, as a whole, requires drastic disease control and preventive measures, including mass culling of the affected hog population;

**WHEREAS**, to effectively address the current outbreak and to prevent or resolve similar incidents in the future involving other animal-borne diseases, there is an urgent need to create an inter-agency task force which will formulate, oversee and implement effective and coordinated policies and strategies to manage, contain and control the spread of such diseases; and

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**WHEREAS**, Article VII, Section 17 of the Constitution provides that the President shall have control of all executive departments, bureaus and offices, and shall ensure that the laws are faithfully executed;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby order:

**SECTION 1.** *Creation of the National Task Force on Animal-Borne Diseases.* An Inter-Agency Task Force to ensure effective coordination among government agencies, and undertake activities to prevent the entry of animal-borne diseases, control the spread thereof, as well as address other issues relating to the same, is hereby created, to be known as the *National Task Force on Animal-Borne Diseases (NTFAD)*, and shall be composed of the following:

- Chairperson** : Secretary, Department of Agriculture (DA)
- Vice Chairperson** : Secretary, Department of Health (DOH)
- Members** : The Executive Secretary  
Secretary, Department of the Interior and Local Government  
Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
Secretary, Department of Trade and Industry  
Secretary, Department of Finance  
Secretary, Department of Budget and Management (DBM)  
Secretary, Department of Social Welfare and Development  
Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs  
Secretary, Department of Transportation  
Secretary, Department of National Defense  
Secretary, Department of Labor and Employment  
Secretary, Department of Justice  
Secretary, Department of Tourism  
Commissioner, Bureau of Customs  
Director General, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority

The Chairperson shall have operational control and supervision of the Task Force, and the overall responsibility to ensure that the objectives of this Order are accomplished.

**SECTION 2.** *Secretariat.* The NTFAD shall be assisted by a Secretariat to be composed of employees and officers from its member-agencies, as supported by the Bureau of Animal Industry and the National Meat Inspection Service under the DA, and the Food and Drug Administration under the DOH.

**SECTION 3. *Functions of NTFAD.*** The Task Force, through the respective mandates of the member-agencies, shall have the following functions:

- (a) Formulate appropriate policies, regulations and measures to address issues relating to animal-borne diseases, including those concerning the ASF virus;
- (b) Develop a national risk reduction program and a comprehensive framework to manage, contain, control and eradicate animal-borne diseases, including but not limited to, movement control/quarantine, biosecurity, surveillance, proper waste disposal and other control measures;
- (c) Supervise and monitor the implementation of the policies, regulations, measures and programs to be developed under this Order, as well as all interventions relative to the improvement of customs and quarantine measures, to ensure the integrity of all international ports of entry and inspection of markets for imported goods that contain products that may be infected by animal-borne diseases;
- (d) Formulate and issue zoning and movement plans for the prevention and control of animal-borne diseases, monitor its implementation, and ensure compliance therewith;
- (e) Develop and implement a national public awareness campaign on animal-borne diseases which may pose a threat to the country;
- (f) Develop programs to aid those affected by animal-borne diseases, such as the grant of financial assistance, livelihood alternatives and necessary skills training;
- (g) Enhance contingency and action plans for emergency disease control;
- (h) Prepare and submit to the President timely reports on the status of animal-borne diseases, including the ASF virus, as well as the NTFAD's initiatives and recommendations relative thereto; and
- (i) Perform such other functions as may be directed by the President.

**SECTION 4. *Convergence.*** All departments, bureaus, offices, agencies or institutions of the government, including government-owned or-controlled corporations and state universities and colleges, are hereby directed, and local government units are hereby enjoined, to render the necessary assistance to the NTFAD.

The private sector, non-government organizations and other stakeholders are encouraged to participate and support the implementation of the programs and activities to be formulated.

**SECTION 5. *Funding.*** The resources needed for the implementation of this Order shall be sourced from available funds of the member-agencies of the NTFAD, and if necessary, such other appropriate funding sources as the DBM may identify, subject to existing budgeting, accounting and auditing laws, rules and regulations.


**SECTION 6. *Repeal.*** All issuances, orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with this Order are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 7. Separability.** In the event that any provision of this Order or any part thereof is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the provisions not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

**SECTION 8. Effectivity.** This Order shall take effect immediately.

**DONE** in the City of Manila, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of **February**, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.

By the President:



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