

DA Department Order No. 07 Series of 2017

Designating the Agricultural Training Institute as Lead Agency in Developing and Coordinating a Food Safety Regulation Training Program for the Department of Agriculture

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The Department Order designates the Agricultural Training Institute as the lead agency in the development and coordination of food safety regulation training for the DA in pursuant to the Food Safety Act of 2013 (RA 10611). It provides guidelines with regards the regular provision of standard food safety training courses to government personnel, food business operators, and food handlers involved in the primary production and postharvest stages of the food supply chain.

Salient Extension Provisions

In developing the comprehensive training program, ATI shall collaborate with the following agencies, bureaus, and organizational units of the DA and with other related agencies and offices:

1. Food Safety Regulatory Agencies (FSRAs) under the DA:
 - a. Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI)
 - b. Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI)
 - c. Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR)
 - d. National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS)
 - e. Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA)
 - f. National Dairy Authority (NDA)
2. DA Standards-Setting Agency for Primary and Post-harvest food:
 - a. Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS)
3. Related FSRAs and agencies not under DA administrative supervision:
 - a. National Food Authority (NFA)
 - b. Fertilizer and Pesticide (FPA)
 - c. Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA)
 - d. NFA-Food Development Center (NFA-FDC)
4. Other government Departments, agencies and offices, the academe, training institutes, non-government organizations, as well as international organizations involved in and/ or providing food safety-related training.

Collaboration in the development of a food safety training program between the ATI and the agencies listed above means ATI shall lead the development and coordination of the following policies, procedures, and activities:

1. Review of the existing training activities and programs
2. Identification of training needs
3. Evaluation of the availability of trainers
4. Establishment of policies for intellectual property protection for ATI as well as compensation for writers and trainers
5. Availability of funding
6. Policies for the compensation of authors and speakers

The Office of the DA Undersecretary for Policy and Planning, Project Development, R&D and Regulations, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Regulations (OASR), and the Food, Agriculture, and fisheries Policy Division, Policy Research Service (FAFPD-PRS) shall provide oversight as well as recommendations on training programs to ensure that the objectives and requirements of the FSA with respect to food safety training are met.

The OASR shall exercise supervision over ATI in the implementation of this Order. It shall establish the necessary organizational arrangements with this Order and shall provide periodic reports on the progress of work and resulting outputs. It shall also serve as the DA link to the Department of Health (DOH) and other Departments, agencies and offices, the academe, training institutes, non-government, organizations, as well as international organizations, whenever activities requiring such linkage are identified.

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