



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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SPECIAL ORDER

No. 405

Series of 2020

SUBJECT: COMPOSITION OF THE ADJUDICATION UNIT OF THE BANTAY PRESYO TASK FORCE AND ITS FUNCTIONS

In the exigency of the service and in furtherance to Special Orders No. 359 and 362, both Series of 2020, the **ADJUDICATION UNIT OF THE BANTAY PRESYO TASK FORCE (BaPTF)** shall be composed of the following:

CHIEF : **ATTY. MARIA GEMMA J. OQUENDO**, Legal Service
MEMBERS : **ATTY. NEFRETERY M. NUFABLE**, Legal Service
ATTY. LORNA TUNGPALAN-LUGOD, Legal Service
ATTY. ANGELICA ROSE DIMALANTA, Office of
Undersecretary for Consumer Affairs
ATTY. REYZANDRO UNAY, National Meat Inspection
Service

The functions of the Adjudication Unit of BaPTF are the following:

1. Issue summons;
2. Administer oaths and affirmations;
3. Conduct adjudication;
4. Regulate and maintain order during the proceedings;
5. Issue *subpoena ad testificandum* or *duces tecum, motu proprio* or when requested by any party to compel the attendance of witnesses or the production of documents, records or books during the hearing;
6. Take or receive all relevant evidence;
7. Rule upon offer of proofs;
8. Take or cause deposition to be taken whenever the ends of justice would be served thereby;
9. Rule on any procedural request;
10. Issue preliminary orders and preventive orders;
11. Issue temporary orders;
12. Exclude any party, witness, or any other person from the hearing room;
13. Impose administrative penalties upon persons found to have violated the Price Act or its IRR;

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14. Render a decision within fifteen (15) days from the time the proceedings are terminated; and
15. Perform such functions as would contribute to the just, speedy, and inexpensive resolution of the case.

All expenses that may be incurred in the performance of their duties and responsibilities shall be chargeable against their respective offices' funds and other available funds, subject to existing government accounting and auditing rules and procedures.

All officials and employees of the Department, including its Bureaus, Attached Agencies and Corporations, and Regional Field Offices are hereby directed to give their full support and cooperation to the Members of the Adjudication Unit of the BaPTF in the performance of their duties and responsibilities.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force unless revoked through writing. All Orders inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 21 day of APRIL 2020.



WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.

Secretary

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