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SUBJECT : FUNCTIONAL ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES ENGINEERING IN THE NATIONAL PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF FARM-TO-MARKET ROADS

Section 24 of Republic Act No. 10601 (Agricultural and Fisheries Mechanization Law) mandates the Bureau of Agricultural and Fisheries Engineering (BAFE) to coordinate, oversee and monitor the national planning, implementation and regulations of farm-to-market roads (FMR) as one of its major functions and responsibilities. In view of this mandate of BAFE and in relation to the planning and implementation of Farm-to-Market Road Development Program (FMRDP) of the Department of Agriculture, the BAFE shall:

- 1) Establish and maintain a national database of FMR projects implemented by the various DA bureaus, attached agencies, Regional Field Offices (RFO), as well as other national government agencies and Local Government Units (LGU). All concerned agencies shall submit geotagged locations of proposed, on-going and completed FMRs to BAFE;
- 2) Spearhead the preparation and updating of Farm-to-Market Road Network Plan (national and local levels) in collaboration with the Regional Agricultural Engineering Divisions (RAED) of DA Regional Field Offices, and concerned DA bureaus and attached agencies/corporations, other National Government Agencies (NGA), and LGUs;
- 3) Prepare a Comprehensive National FMR Master Plan 2020-2030 and coordinate, oversee and monitor its implementation. The Master Plan shall complement and support to the DA thrusts and priorities on commodity programs, irrigation, agri-fisheries mechanization programs, and to the DA Policy Framework for inclusive Agri-industrialization and New Thinking for Agriculture. The FMR Network Plan or FMR connectivity plan shall form part of the Comprehensive National FMR Master Plan;
- 4) Coordinate with DPWH, DAR, DILG, DOT, DTI, NIA, DOLE, DBM, NEDA, LRA and other government agencies for the harmonization, integration and convergence on FMR programs and projects planning and implementation;


- 5) Prepare and update the FMR validation, design and construction protocols in coordination and collaboration with DPWH, PRDP and FMRDP;
- 6) Formulate a National FMR Research and Development Program in collaboration with BAR, DOST-PCAARRD, State Colleges and Universities, RAEDs, PSABE and other concerned government agencies, and coordinate and monitor its implementation;
- 7) Coordinate and collaborate with the Bureau of Agricultural and Fisheries Standards (BAFS) in the development and/or updating of the Philippine Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Standards (PABES) for FMR;
- 8) Coordinate, oversee and monitor the conduct of Constructors' Performance Evaluation System (CPES) of DA funded FMR projects; and
- 9) Formulate and implement trainings and other capability building program for agricultural and biosystems engineers (ABEs) and other FMR personnel and workers in coordination and collaboration with ATI, RFOs and other concerned DA bureaus and attached agencies/corporations, TESDA, DOLE, Construction Industry Authority of the Philippines and other government agencies.

The BAFE shall likewise provide principal technical support to the Head of the FMRDP.

The Regional Agricultural Engineering Divisions (RAED) of the DA-Regional Field Offices shall be the BAFE's field implementing arm on the planning and implementation of FMR programs and projects.

The budgetary requirements of BAFE relative to the performance of the above functions and responsibilities shall be included in the Farm-to-Market Road Development Program for FY 2021 and onwards.

This order shall take effect immediately.


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