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SUBJECT : GENERAL GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S FARM-TO-MARKET ROAD PROJECTS FOR FY 2026 AND ONWARDS

BACKGROUND

The Department of Agriculture (DA), pursuant to its mandate under Republic Act No. 8435, otherwise known as the Agricultural and Fisheries Modernization Act of 1997 (AFMA) and other relevant agricultural development policies, is responsible for implementing agri-fisheries infrastructure projects that enhance agricultural productivity and market connectivity. Farm-to-Market Roads (FMRs) are central to this mandate to enhance connection and efficiency of transporting agricultural and fishery products from production areas to markets, processing and distribution centers; reduce postharvest losses; and improve market integration.

To facilitate the implementation of FMRs, Section 24 of Republic Act No. 10601, otherwise known as the Agricultural and Fisheries Mechanization Law, has mandated the Bureau of Agricultural and Fisheries Engineering (BAFE) to coordinate, oversee, and monitor the national planning, implementation, and regulation of FMRs as one of its functions and responsibilities. Under Administrative Order (AO) No. 28, series of 2020, in addition to the functions provided under DA AO No. 5, series of 2020, BAFE shall serve as the Program Management Office (PMO) of the DA Farm-to-Market Road Development Program (FMRDP).

Since 2014, the implementation of FMRs has been jointly undertaken by the DA and the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH). Starting FY 2026, however, the DA shall undertake the planning and implementation of the program, and may enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Department of Public Works and Highways, qualified local government units (LGUs) or through Public Private Partnership, in accordance with the provisions of the FY 2026 General Appropriations Act (GAA). The DA thus issues these general guidelines to ensure efficient, open, transparent, inclusive, and accountable governance processes that balance technical, social, and environmental concerns, and rationalized fiscal allocation. The guidelines prescribe the rules and policies and clarify institutional roles, processes, standard requirements, and accountability mechanisms for the implementation of FMR projects.

SECTION 1. Scope - These guidelines shall govern the implementation of all FMR projects directly under the auspices and funding of the DA-FMRDP. FMRs implemented under different funding sources are excluded from these guidelines.

SECTION 2. Coverage - These guidelines encompass the entire project cycle of FMR implementation – from project identification, validation, planning, engineering design, approval, procurement, construction, progress and post-monitoring, completion and turnover, to maintenance.

It shall cover the implementation of all approved FMRs for FY 2026, as well as the planning and implementation of FMRs for FY 2027 and the years thereafter.

These Guidelines shall be supplemented by an FMR Operations Manual, which provides the detailed implementation arrangements, design standards and technical specifications, templates, and other specifics, and shall be issued separately by the Office of the Secretary. The Manual shall prescribe the corresponding menu of options for various FMR road lane configurations, required right-of-way (ROW), and surface finishes. The specifications and design parameters shall be formulated in coordination with the DPWH to ensure harmonization with national engineering standards and practices.

These Guidelines shall apply to rural roads that serve as access routes to and from production areas, and which are not otherwise classified as national, provincial, city, or municipal roads.

SECTION 3. General Policies

The implementation of FMRs shall conform to the following general policies:

1. The DA-FMRDP shall include the construction, improvement, rehabilitation, and repair of existing unpaved or deteriorated roads, and the opening of new access roads. In addition thereto, priority shall be given to the concreting of existing FMRs, considering the substantial resources and socio-environmental compliance requirements associated with the opening of new roads. The LGUs are thus highly encouraged to undertake the initial opening of roads, which may subsequently be considered for construction under the FMRDP.
2. All FMR projects implemented under these guidelines shall conform to the DA-issued technical standards, specifications, and engineering requirements. It shall also be guided by the DPWH standards, Philippine Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Standards (PABES), as well as other applicable laws, rules, and regulations.
3. The FMRDP shall primarily cover the funding for road pavement and essential drainage components necessary to ensure the functionality of the FMR and maximize the output length. The LGU shall provide the counterpart funding for complementary and site-specific works required to complete the road facility and ensure its long-term stability, safety, and usability.

In particular, the construction, improvement, rehabilitation, or repair of road pavement including the provision of cross drainage structures and ditches shall be under the account of FMRDP. Appurtenant structures and other items of work, such as slope protection, including retaining walls (e.g., grouted riprap, stone or rubble masonry), slope stabilization works, concrete shoulders, earthworks (excluding activities critical to road works), and other miscellaneous items, shall be undertaken and funded as counterpart obligations of the LGUs.

4. The FMR projects shall be designed and constructed to ensure safety, long-term durability, and efficient service in support of the daily needs of farmers, fisherfolk, and other members of the agricultural community.
5. All FMR projects funded under the GAA shall be implemented through the most economically advantageous and administratively convenient modality, as may be determined by the DA.
6. Modifications, augmentation, and use of savings shall conform to the GAA General Provisions.

SECTION 4. Identification

The DA shall identify priority FMR projects based on the commodity roadmaps, location of the majority of farmers and fisherfolk, and poverty incidence. It shall ensure alignment with local priority investments by securing a Certificate of Concurrence from the concerned LGU for the implementation of the identified FMR projects.

In addition, the LGU or community-based organizations, including Agricultural and Fishery Councils (AFCs), farmers' or fisherfolk associations, may propose FMR projects. The proponent shall submit the FMR proposal/request to the DA, along with the following documents to facilitate proper evaluation and initial screening:

- a) **Letter of Intent/Endorsement or Supporting Resolution** – submitted by the proponent entity stating the need for the proposed FMR, the commodities to be transported, and the nearest market to be accessed; and
- b) **Map and/or geotagged photos** of the production area and the road.

Only proposals that meet the required documentary requirements shall proceed to full validation.

SECTION 5. Validation and Social Preparation of Proposed FMRs

Following the initial screening and review of the request from proponents, the DA-Regional Field Office (RFO) and/or BAFE shall conduct validation on the entire road length and ensure that the following minimum criteria are satisfactorily met or complied with:

- a) The proposed FMR serves a road influence area (RIA) that has sufficient existing and/or potential agricultural area, and/or is part of a connected road network system that provides vital access to the nearest market centers;
- b) It is linked to an all-weather road or a higher quality;
- c) The proposed road must have a minimum length of 1.00 kilometer for both flat and rolling terrain and inclined steep areas (special areas) to enhance impact and for cost-efficiency. FMRs with less than One (1) kilometer length can be accommodated, provided that a reasonable justification is submitted to the DA through the BAFE for subsequent approval;

- d) It has no adverse social and environmental impact within the RIA (e.g. road has no right-of-way issue, is not located in protected or vulnerable areas, has community acceptance, or will not lead to potential displacements);
- e) It is within the Strategic Agricultural and Fisheries Development Zone (SAFDZ); and
- f) The proposed FMR projects are included in the FMR network plan (FMRNP).

FMRs that are found feasible after the DA-RFO validation shall be included in the GeoAgri or Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Management Information System (ABEMIS). The DA-RFO/BAFE Validation Report shall be valid for a period of two (2) years from the conduct of validation as there may be changes in funding, project scope, alignment, or site conditions.

Likewise, the following additional documents shall be submitted by the LGU:

- a) Certification from the concerned LGU or the concerned section of DPWH District Office that the proposed road is: (i) neither part of any higher road classification, such as national, provincial, and municipal, nor classified as industrial or farm-to-mill roads; and (ii) will not be reclassified/upgraded into national roads for the next five years;
- b) LGU Council Resolution or certification stating the following:
 - b.1. proposed FMR is part of the Local Development Plan;
 - b.2. the LGU shall assist in the planning, construction, inspection, and monitoring of the project, and its support in the maintenance of the project after the turnover/completion;
 - b.3. there is no road right-of-way (RROW) conflict, and LGU shall assume the road right-of-way settlement, environmental permits, and Free and Prior Informed Consent, if applicable;
 - b.4. the proposed project has no adverse social and environmental impact within the RIA; and
 - b.5. shall ensure safety and protection in the proposed FMR site/s and within the RIA if a disruption of the peace and order situation occurs during the project pre-construction, construction, and monitoring activities.
- c) Indicative cost and scope of works of the proposed FMR; and
- d) Feasibility Study for new road openings.

SECTION 6. *Review and Approval*

1. A Regional FMR Review Committee shall be created at the DA-RFOs to assess the technical, economic, social, and environmental feasibility of the proposed FMRs, as well as their alignment with the FMRNP, commodity plans, and other development objectives of the Department.

2. All FMR projects shall be properly titled using the appropriate classification, such as **Rehabilitation, Construction, or Concreting**, based on the approved project intent and technical requirements. The approved Project Title and coordinates shall be final and controlling for all subsequent implementation stages.
3. The list of validated and eligible FMRs with complete documentary requirements shall be endorsed by the concerned DA Regional Executive Director (RED) to the BAFE for final review and consolidation.

The endorsed FMR projects shall be prioritized based on the following criteria:

- a) Extent of existing and potential agricultural area within the RIA;
 - b) Road Condition;
 - c) Number of beneficiaries;
 - d) Average daily traffic;
 - e) Geo-climatic vulnerability of the area; and
 - f) Inclusion in the priority growth corridor as identified by the DA Banner Program.
4. Eligible FMR projects that were submitted to BAFE prior to the DA Annual Budget Call may be considered for inclusion in the DA budget proposal submission for the year. Otherwise, it shall be considered in the next budget proposal cycle.
 5. The BAFE shall finalize the list of feasible FMR projects and submit it to the Office of the Secretary.

SECTION 7. *Endorsement for Funding*

1. The approved list shall be endorsed to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) for funding under the annual National Expenditure Program (NEP);
2. Upon issuance of the list of FMR projects included in the NEP, the BAFE shall furnish all DA-RFOs with a copy thereof to verify that the project name, location, and coordinates, amount of the project, and other pertinent details are accurate and free from typographical errors, discrepancies, or inconsistent information.

Likewise, the DA-RFOs shall ensure that the proposed FMRs listed in the NEP have no duplicate funding. If a proposed FMR project is already funded by other government agencies, it may be replaced by another project culled from the list of validated FMRs from the same legislative district.

3. The DA-RFO shall submit the updated list of FMR projects to BAFE for final review.
4. Upon approval of the GAA for the year, the BAFE shall ensure that the list of approved FMR projects is posted on the official website and/or transparency portal for FMR, reflecting the following information:
 - a. Location of FMRs including coordinates;
 - b. Estimated length in kilometers of FMRs to be constructed;
 - c. Allocation and scope of works; and
 - d. Estimated number of farmer/fisherfolk beneficiaries.

SECTION 8. Implementation of Approved FMR Projects

a. Modality of Implementation

In general, the DA through its BAFE and RFO(s), shall undertake the implementation of the program, especially those identified as high impact commodity projects. The DA, nonetheless, may enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the DPWH, qualified LGUs, and other implementing partners or through Public Private Partnerships, as identified in the GAA. The MOA shall detail the implementation arrangement such as the responsibilities of the DA, DPWH and LGUs, manner and requirements in the downloading and disbursement of funds, procurement protocols, construction and quality assurance, monitoring and reporting of progress reports, and maintenance upon completion of FMRs.

Regardless of the modality, a DA-LGU Memorandum of Agreement shall be executed to ensure the sound and transparent implementation of FMRs. The MOA shall provide, among others, for the LGUs to (a) construct auxiliary structures not funded by DA (e.g. slope protection, lines canal, etc.), (b) establish an FMR implementation unit and/or designation of FMR counterpart staff; (c) settle right-of-way as needed; (d) secure the necessary permits and clearances; (e) participate in training to increase capacity for O&M; (f) commit to undertake periodic O&M of the FMR, and (g) subscription to FMR Transparency portal.

i. DA as Implementing Unit

The default mode of implementation for all FMR projects funded under the GAA shall be through the DA. Projects shall be executed using the most economically advantageous and administratively convenient modality, as determined by the DA.

ii. LGU as Implementing Unit

LGUs may implement FMR projects subject to an assessment of its technical, financial, organizational and administrative capacity, as presented in item b of this Section.

In general, the LGU, in coordination with RFO, shall undertake the (a) survey, staking, and site verification, (b) preparation of Detailed Engineering Design (DED), Program of Works (POW) and other technical documents, (c) procurement, (d) construction supervision and quality assurance, (e) installation of FMR markers, (f) reporting and documentation, and (g) repair and maintenance. In accordance with the AFMA Law, the LGU shall likewise provide ten percent (10%) project counterpart, in cash or in kind, which may be utilized to fund expenses identified in the MOA. A recording of its counterpart shall be submitted upon completion of the Project.

iii. DPWH as Implementing Unit

The DPWH may implement FMR projects subject to the adherence to the following compliances:

1. The LGU or the House of Representatives shall submit a Letter of Intent addressed to the DA, formally requesting that the DPWH implement the FMR project(s).
2. The concerned DPWH District Office has no unreasonable backlog of FMR projects, and has the capacity to complete the FMRs within twelve (12) months from the effectivity of the DA-DPWH MOA, but not exceeding the validity period of the GAA.
3. The DPWH shall strictly adopt and comply with the DA standards, specifications, costing and technical guidelines in the implementation of the FMR project.
4. The DPWH shall utilize the FMR Transparency Portal to ensure transparency, accountability, and public access to project information.
5. All downloaded or transferred funds shall be used exclusively for civil works related to the approved FMR project.

b. LGU Criteria for Implementation

The following criteria shall serve as the basis for assessing LGU eligibility and readiness to implement FMR projects under the FMRDP:

1. Technical Capability
 - i. Has employed, contracted, or engaged under consultancy a duly registered and licensed Agricultural and Biosystems Engineer (ABE) who will serve as the LGU counterpart staff.
 - ii. Has prior experience in implementing infrastructure projects, preferably road projects.
 - iii. Has sufficient number of technical staff with the capacity to conduct surveys, prepare DED and POW, and supervise road construction.
2. Financial Capacity
 - iv. Has capacity to provide ten percent (10%) project counterpart, to be used in cash or in kind, such as right-of-way (ROW) acquisition, permits, preparation of the DED and POW, manpower, equipment, materials, and repair and maintenance.
 - v. Has no unliquidated fund transfer from DA.
3. Administrative and Legal Compliance
 - vi. Has a Sanggunian Resolution authorizing participation in the DA-FMRDP and execution of the MOA.
 - vii. Has a functioning BAC with experience in public procurement of road projects.

4. Sustainability Commitment

- viii. Designates a responsible unit for FMR maintenance and monitoring.
- ix. LGUs that previously implemented any DA infrastructure projects should have satisfactory performance (physical and financial) during the implementation and in the O&M of completed projects.

c. Procurement

Prior to the procurement of any FMR Projects, the BAFE shall review the DED, POW, and Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) of FMR projects prepared by the DA-RFO, while the DA-RFO reviews the technical documents emanating from the LGUs. However, all FMRs with a cost of P50 million and above shall automatically be reviewed by the BAFE. No FMRs will be procured unless all required clearances and permits have been secured.

All procurement of goods, works, and consulting services under the FMRDP shall be conducted in strict accordance with Republic Act No. 12009, otherwise known as the New Government Procurement Act, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, relevant issuances of the Government Procurement Policy Board, as well as applicable anti-corruption laws, including Republic Act No. 3019 (Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act), Republic Act No. 6713 (Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees), and other related laws, rules, and issuances on transparency and accountability.

The project shall use the ABEMIS to plan, record, and track procurement transactions, and subsequently be reflected in the FMRDP's digital transparency portal. As part of transparency, the opening of bids will be live-streamed in the FMR transparency portal.

Procuring entities shall encourage the broad participation of qualified contractors to promote fair competition and transparency in the procurement process. They shall likewise adopt appropriate measures to ensure that participating contractors have no conflict of interest, including the existence of familial relationships or business connections, within the fourth (4th) degree of consanguinity or affinity, with officials directly involved in the procurement and implementation of the project.

d. Third Party Audit for FMR Projects

All FMR projects shall be subjected to a mandatory Third-Party Technical and Financial Audit prior to the processing of final payment corresponding to one hundred percent (100%) project completion.

The Third-Party Audit shall validate compliance with approved plans, technical design, standards, specifications, and quality requirements, and shall include submission of a formal audit report with findings, compliance status, and recommendations.

No final payment shall be allowed without a satisfactory Third-Party Audit Report, duly reviewed and accepted by the concerned DA offices.

e. **Completion, Acceptance, And Turnover**

1. *Joint Final Inspection*

After the completion of the FMR project, the DA-RFO and the recipient LGU shall conduct a Joint Final Inspection to verify that all works conform to the approved engineering standards and specifications. Prior to the final inspection, the DA-RFO and LGU shall conduct a punch-listing inspection to identify any deficiencies or deviations. Any issues noted shall be addressed by the contractor, and appropriate corrective actions, such as repair, adjustment, or replacement shall be documented.

2. *Certification of Completion and Acceptance*

Upon compliance with the findings of the Final Inspection Report, the DA-RFO shall secure the Certificate of Completion and the Certificate of Acceptance. These documents serve as formal recognition that the FMR project has been completed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications. Post Defects Liability Period (DLP), any remaining deficiencies must be addressed prior to the issuance of the final acceptance confirmation by DA-RFO.

3. *Completion Report*

After project completion and issuance of the required certificates, the DA-RFO/LGU shall prepare the Completion Report, including all attachments such as the Certificates of Completion and Acceptance, for submission and documentation with the BAFE.

4. *Acceptance and Turnover*

The RFO shall formally transfer the management and ownership of the completed FMR to the LGU. The LGU shall assume full responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the road, ensuring its sustainability.

5. *Post-Implementation Monitoring*

The DA-RFO, in coordination with BAFE, shall conduct post-implementation monitoring using the Infrastructure and Machinery Management Assessment System (*IMMAS*) and the GeoAgri Monitoring System to assess road performance, sustainability, and compliance with program standards.

SECTION 9. Institutional Arrangement

The FMRDP would be under the direct supervision of the DA Secretary through the Undersecretary for Agriculture and Marine System Development. A FMR Project Steering Committee shall be created to provide overall policy guidance and oversight for Project implementation.

The BAFE shall serve as the National Project Management Office and be responsible, *inter alia*, for carrying out the day-to-day implementation of the Program, including: (i) preparation of overall annual work and financial plans; (ii) processing procurement, financial management, environmental and social impact management; (iii) monitoring and evaluation of the FMR projects; and (iv) reporting on Program progress and results.

The DA-RFOs would be responsible for field-level implementation, coordination, and monitoring at the regional level. The BAFE and DA-RFOs shall be supported by the National Program Steering Committee and the Regional Review Committees to assess the technical, economic, social and environmental feasibility of the proposed FMRs, and its consistency with development objectives of the Department. The Review Team shall be composed of BAFE/RAED, Operations, concerned Banner Programs, AMAS/AMAD.

Staffing of the BAFE and RAED would be augmented by externally hired staff under approved Terms of Reference and duration of engagement, as needed for implementing FMRDP.

General institutional arrangement with DPWH shall be defined in a mother MOA between DA and DPWH Central Offices to harmonize regional and district level implementation. A separate MOA between DA-RFO and DPWH DEO shall be executed to provide details on project execution as well as fund transfer and liquidation.

SECTION 10. *Engineering and Administrative Overhead (EAO) Expenses*

The DA is authorized to deduct Engineering and Administrative Overhead (EAO) expenses, subject to compliance with the provisions of DA-DBM Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) No. 4, dated 27 May 2021, and other applicable rules and regulations.

The EAO for FMR projects shall be released directly by the DBM to the DA OSEC, and shall subsequently be downloaded to BAFE and RFOs based on the approved allocation plan.

SECTION 11. *Infrastructure and Machinery Management Assessment System (IMMAS)*

The Memorandum Circular No. 15 Series of 2025, Guidelines in the conduct of IMMAS on the Turned Over Projects of the Department of Agriculture and its amendment shall serve as a reference in the conduct of IMMAS. The IMMAS shall be conducted after the Defects Liability Period to assess the compliance of the recipient/beneficiary in the MOA for the Operation and Maintenance.

The DA-RFO may conduct joint inspection and monitoring with the concerned LGU through their Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering office for FMR projects.

SECTION 12. *Citizens' Participatory Monitoring*

The DA shall promote Citizens' Participatory Monitoring mechanism for FMR projects to strengthen transparency, accountability and participatory governance. This mechanism shall enable farmers, community members, civil service organizations, and other stakeholders to actively observe, document, and provide feedback on the implementation, and quality of FMR projects within their respective localities.

Mandatory project billboards indicating the project description, i.e. project title, location, source of funds, implementing and oversight agencies, contract cost, duration, and contractor details, shall be installed and made visible at the project site. Similarly, community consultations shall be undertaken to encourage and engage the participation of the community and other concerned stakeholders.

SECTION 13. *FMR Watch (Transparency Portal)*

To operationalize Citizens Monitoring, the DA, through the DA - BAFE in coordination with the DA-RFOs, shall establish and maintain the FMR Watch, a digital transparency and reporting portal. The FMR Watch shall serve as an accessible platform where stakeholders may submit observations, reports and feedback on ongoing and completed FMR projects.

SECTION 14. *Construction Performance Evaluation System (CPES)*

The DA shall establish a distinct Constructors' Performance Evaluation System Implementing Unit (CPES-IU) under BAFE, dedicated to undertake performance evaluation of constructors implementing DA/LGU FMR projects, in accordance with existing CPES rules and regulations.

Expenses for the conduct of CPES for FMRs including its related capacity building may be charged to the FMRDP Monitoring Funds or EAO of respective offices subject to the availability of funds. Accredited DA Constructors' Performance Evaluators (CPE) shall also be mobilized for this purpose.

SECTION 15. *Geo-Tagging of FMRs*

All FMR projects must have a geotagging reference before, during, and after completion of the project. No projects or billings for payment shall be approved without the submission of geotagging photos to the appropriate office.

SECTION 16. *Amendments to the Contract and Termination*

In cases of project variation, the implementing unit shall secure a No Objection Letter (NOL) from the appropriate approving authority: the DA-RFO shall obtain the NOL from the DA-BAFE for DA-implemented projects, while Implementing Agencies other than DA shall obtain the NOL from the DA-RFO for LGU/DPWH-implemented projects. Variations shall be limited only to extensions of pavement concreting, and shall exclude other appurtenant structures and miscellaneous items of work.

For suspension, and time extension, the DA-RFO, LGU and DPWH shall provide the DA-BAFE with the approved Notice of Suspension and Resumption Order, Notice of Time Extension, and other similar documents.

For termination of projects, the DA-RFO, LGU and DPWH shall likewise secure the concurrence of the DA-BAFE, with attached justifications.

SECTION 17. *Funding*

The funding necessary for the implementation of this AO shall be included in the annual planning and budgeting proposals under the GAA by the DA, DA-BAFE, and DA-RFOs.

In case of LGU implemented FMRs, the LGU shall create a dedicated trust account where project funds shall be downloaded. This account shall be used exclusively for FMR projects to ensure proper fund utilization, transparency, and accountability. Details of fund transfer and liquidation shall form part of the MOA between DA-RFO and the LGU.

Funds shall be released to the LGUs and DPWH in at least two (2) tranches, corresponding to approved project milestones, subject to the submission, validation, and acceptance of required technical, physical, and financial reports, in accordance with the agreed timetable or progress billing.

Indicative project milestones for progress billing may include:

- a. *Fifteen percent (15%)* - Mobilization and site establishment, including approval of program of work and construction schedule;
- b. *Fifty percent (50%)* - Completion of major earthworks, drainage structures, and partial completion of carriageway and subbase course;
- c. *Eighty percent (80%)* - Substantial completion of carriageway, shoulders, and drainage;
- d. *One hundred percent (100%)* - Final completion, inspection, and acceptance of all works, including submission of as-built plans and completion reports.

The release of payment corresponding to one hundred percent (100%) project completion shall be subject to compliance with the Third-Party Audit requirements under Section 8 of this Implementing Guidelines.

A retention equivalent to five percent (5%) of the amount due for every progress billing shall be withheld, in accordance with existing government accounting and auditing rules. The accumulated retention shall be released only upon final acceptance of the project and after the expiration of the defects liability period, subject to the submission of required documents and appropriate certification.

SECTION 18. *Separability Clause*

If any section or provision of this AO is held or declared unconstitutional or invalid by a competent court, the other sections or provisions hereof shall continue to be in force and effect as if sections or provisions so annulled or voided had never been incorporated herein.


SECTION 19. *Repealing Clause*

All existing administrative orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, in conflict with, or inconsistent with any provisions of this Administrative Order are hereby repealed or modified, and/or superseded accordingly.

SECTION 20. *Effectivity*

This issuance shall take effect immediately after publication in the Official Gazette or in one (1) newspaper of general circulation.

APPROVED this 6th day of MARCH 2026.


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