

**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 2020-068-A****AMENDING THE DEPARTMENT ORDER ON THE CREATION OF AN INTER-SECTORAL TEAM FOR THE VALIDATION OF READINESS OF LOCAL TOURISM DESTINATIONS**

In the exigency of the service and in view of the recommendations of the Taskforce on Domestic Tourism Product & Market Development, Department Order No. 2020-068 creating the Intersectoral Team to Conduct Validation of Readiness of Local Tourism Destinations is hereby amended to include one (1) representative each from the Office of the Secretary and the Office of Branding and Marketing Communications as members of the team; and, to state that all necessary and related expenses to be incurred in the site validation and inspection trips shall be charged to the Office of Product and Market Development (OPMD) subject to the availability of funds and the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Office Order shall take effect immediately upon its issuance.

11 December 2020

BERNADETTE ROMULO-PUYAT

Secretary

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**CREATING AN INTER-SECTORAL TEAM TO CONDUCT
VALIDATION OF READINESS OF LOCAL TOURISM DESTINATIONS**

In the exigency of the service and consistent with Department Order No. 2020-050 that created the Task Force on Domestic Tourism Product and Market Development, an inter-sectoral team within the Department is hereby created to do the following tasks:

1. Conduct site validation and inspection on the compliance with issued guidelines of the Department on the opening of local tourism destinations and establishments;
2. Dialogue with the Local Government and the Private Stakeholders in the identified tourism destination for improvement of compliance with issued guidelines of the Department and to explore areas of assistance; and
3. Submit to the Task Force on Domestic Tourism Product and Market Development not later than three (3) days from completion of their site visit their report on validation activities.

The unit shall be composed of the following:

1. The Regional Director and or his representative who has jurisdiction over the identified destination
2. Two representatives from the Central Offices of the Tourism Regulation, Coordination and Resource Generation (OTSR and OIMD)
3. Two representatives from the Office of Product and Marketing Development (OPMD)
4. Two representatives from the Tourism Promotions Board (TPB)
5. Two representatives from the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy (OPAA)
6. Representatives from the Task Force on Domestic Tourism Product and Market Development

In destinations where diving is identified as an existing product, the Philippine Commission on Sports and Scuba Diving (PCSSD) shall designate representatives from their end to join any scheduled ocular inspection and site validation.

The respective Heads of the aforementioned Offices shall designate their respective representatives to the unit, who shall act as such in addition to their respective existing duties and responsibilities. The representatives from the Task Force on Domestic Tourism Product and Market Development shall be designated by the Chairperson.

The Inter-Sectoral Site Validation Team shall be immediately constituted upon issuance of this order. All necessary expenses to be incurred in the conduct of the site validation and inspection shall be charged against the existing funds of the respective sector and offices, except for the PCSSD and the Task Force Representatives whose expenses shall be charged against the budget of the Office of the Product and Market Development, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

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BERNADETTE ROMULO-PUYAT
Secretary

