

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL VII

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE REGIONAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE
HELD ON 22 FEBRUARY 2014 AT BOARD ROOM, CLUB ULTIMA, CEBU CITY

RNC Resolution No. 14-02 (s 2014)

RECONSTITUTING THE REGIONAL BANTAY ASIN TASK FORCE (RBATF) REGION VII

WHEREAS, RA 8172 otherwise known as “*An Act Promoting Salt Iodization Nationwide and for Related Purposes*”, or commonly called “ASIN Law” is a major step to end silent but tremendous nutritional problem called Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD) through the cost-effective measure of salt iodization;

WHEREAS, through the years despite various efforts done to promote and implement National Salt Iodization Program (NSIP), only 25.2 percent of the salt used by households recorded iodine levels greater than or equal to 15 ppm which means that only about ¼ of our supply of salt are adequately iodized;

WHEREAS, to address this problem, the Technical Working Group on the NSIP formulated a comprehensive and integrated strategic plan to improve iodine status through improved supply and adequate use of iodized salt;

WHEREAS, the NSIP strategic plan calls for concerted effort of Government and Non-Government key players to respond to the challenges that need to be done through the Regional Bantay Asin Task Force7 (RBATF 7) as a sub-group of the Regional Nutrition Committee;

WHEREAS, the Regional Bantay Asin Task Force7 is currently composed of 17 member-agencies divided into two sub groups the supply side and demand side with PPA as Chair and DOH-FDA as co-chair (See Annex):

WHEREAS, there is a need to reconstitute the Regional Bantay Asin Task Force7 (RBATF 7) as a sub-group of the Regional Nutrition Committee to be more responsive to the challenge of salt iodization and its use in households;

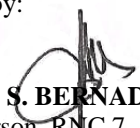
WHEREAS, the RBATF7 find the need to include other members such as the Regional President of Liga ng mga Barangay, and the Maritime Police to strengthen SIP advocacy and enforcement at the grass roots;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to reconstitute the Regional Bantay Asin Task Force7 (RBATF) and to include the Regional President of the Liga ng mga Barangay, and the Maritime Police as members of the RBATF 7;

Certified Correct:


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Annex
RBAFT 7 Membership

a. **Supply side** - task to ensure the availability of adequately iodized salt produced and distributed in the region

1. Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) - Chair
2. Bureau of Customs (BoC)
3. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) - Co-Chair
4. Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)
5. Department of Science and Technology (DOST)
6. Department of Environment and Natural Resources -Environmental Management Bureau (DENR-EMB)
7. Philippine National Police (PNP)
8. Salt Producing/Importing Companies (Artemis, GCH, Salinas Foods)

b. **Demand side** - conduct advocacy in promoting good nutrition through the use of iodized salt and monitoring the implementation of ASIN law

9. Department of Health (DOH)
10. National Nutrition Council (NNC)
11. Department of Education (Dep-Ed)
12. Philippine Information Agency (PIA)
13. Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)
14. Nutrition – Dietitian Association of the Philippines (NDAP) – Cebu Chapter
15. Philippine Association on Nutrition (PAN) – Cebu Chapter
16. Provincial Nutrition Committees (Bohol, Cebu, Negros Oriental, Siquijor) and Highly Urbanized Cities – City Nutrition Committee (Cebu, Mandaue, Lapu-lapu)
17. Educational Institutions (USC)

Additional members:

18. President of the LIGA ng mga Barangay
19. Maritime Police