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AGAÑA, GUAM 96910
U. S. A.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2000-20

**RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHMENT OF A FOOD SAFETY
TASK FORCE ON GUAM.**

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the President's Food Safety Initiative, and in cooperation with the U.S. Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, it is desirable to create a food safety task force on Guam; and

WHEREAS, the protection of citizens from personal distress, including pain and suffering, loss of productivity, medical costs, preventable death and avoidable economic burden caused by foodborne illness is of paramount importance; and

WHEREAS, it is not possible to solve all food and water safety problems with only government resources, when the majority of the island's food safety system exists in the private sector; and

WHEREAS, a food safety task force will foster communication and cooperation with the food and water safety regulatory agencies, industry, consumers, and various governmental departments, agencies, and branches; and

WHEREAS, a food safety task force will provide a forum for health, agricultural, and regulatory officers, the food industry, educators, epidemiologists, local elected and appointed officials, and consumer groups to have input and receive information; and

WHEREAS, a task force will develop a comprehensive, strategic, long-range plan that addresses the steps necessary to achieve a seamless food safety system, including key public health officials, resources, and food service management personnel; and will act as an advisory group to the Department of Public Health and Social Services and other food and water safety agencies; and

WHEREAS, the formation of a food safety task force will not interfere with existing advisory mechanisms within the federal or local system, and will enhance those systems; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a food safety task force is within the laws and regulations of Guam and local food safety agencies, and not a mandate or requirement of the government of Guam, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Food and Drug Administration), or the U.S. Department of Agriculture;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CARL T.C. GUTIERREZ, I Maga'Lahen Guåhan, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do order:

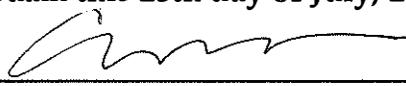


1. A Guam Food Safety Task Force is created, representing members of government agencies to include health, agricultural, and regulatory officers, the food industry, educators, epidemiologists, local elected and appointed officials, and consumer groups.
 - a) The Department of Public Health and Social Services is the hosting agency of the Guam Food Safety Task Force.
 - b) The Guam Food Safety Task Force consists of representatives from:
 - i) Department of Public Health and social Services (Public Health;
 - ii) U.S. Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration (non-member liaison);
 - iii) U.S. Department of Agriculture (non-member liaison);
 - iv) Guam Community College;
 - v) University of Guam;
 - vi) Guam Legislature;
 - vii) Department of Agriculture;
 - viii) Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency (Customs);
 - ix) Guam Environmental Protection Agency (GEPA);
 - x) Department of Education (DOE);
 - xi) Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA);
 - xii) Catholic Social Services;
 - xiii) Guam Hotel and Restaurant Association (GHRA);
 - xiv) Guam Waterworks Authority (GWA);
 - xv) United States Military;
 - xvi) Private sector retail and wholesale business;
 - xvii) Private sector food processors, home manufacturers;
 - xviii) Community-at-large consumer;
 - xix) Physicians, nurses, and other health care professionals.
2. The government of Guam, Department of Public Health and Social Services, and the Pacific Region of the Food and Drug Administration shall agree to a partnership to establish and provide support for a food safety task force on Guam.
 - a) The Guam Food Safety Task Force shall develop this partnership agreement and forward it to the Governor for execution.
 - b) The Guam Food Safety Task Force shall develop guidelines for work, consensus decision-making, size, and format of its meetings.
3. The Guam Food Safety Task Force shall have Eight (8) missions:
 - a) To promote the integration of an island-wide food safety system to become a cost effective and efficient system to maximize the protection of the public health.
 - b) To include an island-wide recognition and acceptance of food service training or certification programs.
 - c) To review roles and responsibilities, capacity, and resource needs of the local food safety agencies.



- d) To review foodborne illness outbreak coordination and investigations within the local system.
 - e) To review information sharing and data collection abilities and formats among and between local food safety agencies.
 - f) To review and establish uniform regulatory standards for local food safety agencies.
 - g) To review the local food safety laboratory operation and coordination.
 - h) To advise and recommend the adoption and implementation of a food code.
4. The Guam Food Safety Task Force shall evaluate its progress toward achieving its goals and outcomes on a yearly basis and inform all stakeholders of the progress and outcomes.
 5. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) shall agree to support the Guam Food Safety Task Force by providing a non-member district or regional liaison to the Task Force for its meetings.
 - a) The FDA, dependent on availability of funds, agrees to support future meetings (FY2000) of the Guam Food Safety Task Force, as follows:
 - i) The FDA shall reimburse Guam, up to a specific amount to be determined by the FDA, for the purpose of securing a meeting facility or other costs associated with hosting a meeting.
 - ii) The expenditure of the funds must be in accordance with local purchasing authority.
 - iii) The FDA shall provide Guam a purchase order to bill the FDA for the associated meeting costs.
 - b) The FDA shall agree to provide the Guam Food Safety Task Force with information relating to the Integrated National Food Safety System work groups and National Food Safety System Strategic Planning.
 - c) The FDA shall provide meeting guidelines and other meeting facilitation documents.
 6. The U.S. Department of Agriculture agrees to support the Guam Food Safety Task Force by providing a non-member district or regional liaison to the Task Force for its meetings.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam this 25th day of July, 2000.


CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
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Governor of Guam