

Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Health  
NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL  
SOCCSKSARGEN

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*Excerpts from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Regional Nutrition Committee (RNC) on 14 July 2015 @ The Farm, Koronadal City*

**RNC XII Resolution No. 03, Series of 2015**

**ORGANIZATION OF THE REGIONAL BANTAY ASIN TASK FORCE (RBATF) IN REGION XII**

**WHEREAS,** Republic Act (RA) 8172 otherwise known as "*An Act Promoting Salt Iodization Nationwide and for Related Purposes*" or the "*ASIN Law*" was issued in 1995 to address the alarming public health problem on iodine deficiency during that year;

**WHEREAS,** the issuance of the said law has been considered as a major step to minimize and eventually eliminate Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD) through the cost-effective preventive measure of salt iodization;

**WHEREAS,** based on the results of the 2013 National Nutrition Survey (NNS), the prevalence of iodine deficiency disorders (IDD) in the SOCCSKSARGEN region is moderately high among school children, pregnant, and lactating women due to inadequate iodine intake;

**WHEREAS,** iodized salt in the region has been found to be readily available and has been widely distributed;

**WHEREAS,** there is a need to know whether the level of iodine content in the iodized salt being widely distributed in the region is adequate enough to contribute in the prevention of the iodine deficiency disorder;

**WHEREAS,** to ensure that only adequately iodized salt available for human and animal consumption are being sold/distributed in the region, a strong mechanism for monitoring need to be organized;

**NOW THEREFORE,** on motion of Helen Vestal and unanimously seconded, **BE IT**

**RESOLVED, AS IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Committee organize the Regional Bantay Asin Task Force (RBATF) for Region XII to support the regulation and monitoring of adequately iodized salt conducted by the Food and Drug Administration in SOCCSKSARGEN region to be led by the Department of Health Regional Office and the National Nutrition Council as secretariat with the following as members:

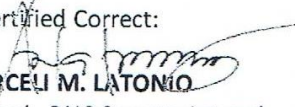
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- a. Regulations, Licensing and Enforcement Division - Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Section
  - b. Regulations, Licensing and Enforcement Division – Health Program Section
  - c. Local Health Assistance Division – Non-Communicable Disease Cluster
  - d. Population Commission (PopCom – RO XII)
2. Department of Science and Technology - Regional Office XII
  3. Philippine Coast Guard
  4. Philippine Ports Authority
  5. Bureau of Customs
  6. Philippine Information Agency – Regional Office XII
  7. Department of Trade and Industry – Regional Office XII
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  9. Department of Education – Regional Office XII
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  11. Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Regional Office XII
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  15. City Health of General Santos City

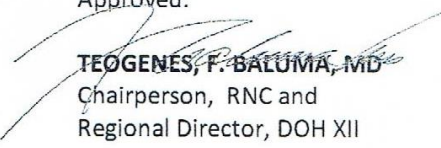
**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the RNC shall seek the support of the Regional Development Council (RDC) on this endeavour and enjoin all local government units to organize the same task force at their level of governance through the Regional Social Development Committee.

**DONE** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 2015 in Koronadal City.

Certified Correct:

  
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Approved:

  
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Chairperson, RNC and  
Regional Director, DOH XII

