



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
HAGÅTÑA, GUAM 96910
U.S.A.**

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2013-09

**RELATIVE TO UPDATING AND REINFORCING THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF THE GUAM FOOD SAFETY TASK FORCE**

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2000, Executive Order 2000-20 was enacted for the creation of a food safety task force that was assigned to develop a comprehensive, long-range food safety system plan for the island of Guam; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Food Safety Task Force was formally established in March 2005 through the leadership of the Division of Environmental Health of the Department of Public Health and Social Services; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Food Safety Task Force is comprised of representatives from the local and federal regulatory agencies, food industry, academia, healthcare community, social service organization, Guam legislature, and the military who meet regularly to address the many missions of the task force; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Food Safety Task Force has reviewed and recommended for adoption the Model Food Code as ordered, and continues to work on the island's comprehensive food safety system plan; and

WHEREAS, the role and activities of the Guam Food Safety Task Force have slowly evolved and expanded over the years to the benefit of the Department of Public Health and Social Services and the public in matters of food safety; and

WHEREAS, the missions of the Guam Food Safety Task Force have yet to be completed; and



WHEREAS, the existence and the purpose of the Guam Food Safety Task Force is still needed, desired, and beneficial;

NOW, THEREFORE I, EDDIE BAZA CALVO, 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. The continued existence of the Guam Food Safety Task Force so that it may develop a plan for a comprehensive, long-range food safety system for the island of Guam.
2. The activities of the Guam Food Safety Task Force to be facilitated by the Department of Public Health and Social Services and operate by its existing by-laws.
3. The Guam Food Safety Task Force be supported and represented by members of government agencies to include health, agricultural, and regulatory officers; the food industry; academia; healthcare community; Guam legislature; consumer groups; military; and other entities determined by the Department of Public Health and Social Services that will assist the task force in fulfilling its primary mission of developing the comprehensive food safety plan.
4. In developing a plan for a comprehensive, long-range food safety system for the island, the Guam Food Safety Task force shall review and consider the following:
 - a) Integration of existing food safety functions into a single, unified system so that it may be cost effective and efficient and maximizes the protection of the public health.
 - b) The importance of education and awareness within all levels of the population to promote food safety.



- c) Roles and responsibilities, capacity, and resource needs of the local food safety agencies.
 - d) Foodborne illness outbreak response coordination and investigation within the local system.
 - e) Information sharing and data collection abilities and formats among and between local food safety agencies.
 - f) Regulatory standards for local food safety agencies.
 - g) Local food safety laboratory operation and coordination.
5. Upon the completion of the comprehensive food safety plan but prior to the disbanding of the Guam Food Safety Task Force, the Department of Public Health and Social Services, together with the members of the task force, shall consider the formation of an advisory group to succeed the task force for promoting food safety on Guam.
6. This Executive Order supersedes Executive Order 2000-20.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam, this 8th day of October, 2013.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several sweeping strokes.

EDDIE BAZA CALVO

I Maga'Låhen Guåhan
Governor of Guam