



NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD
Resolution No. 009
Series of 2022

**INSTRUCTING DA OPERATING UNITS TO PRIORITIZE PREVIOUS ORGANIC
AGRICULTURE AWARDEES AND PGS PRACTITIONERS IN THE PGS CERTIFICATION
AND PGS-OCB ACCREDITATION**

WHEREAS, Section 5 of Republic Act 10068 (RA 10068), otherwise known as "The Organic Agriculture Act of 2010" established the National Organic Agriculture Program (NOAP);

WHEREAS, RA 10068 has been amended by RA 11511, and Section 2 thereof states to the effect, that the State reaffirms its policy to promote, propagate, develop further, and implement the practice of organic agriculture in the Philippines;

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WHEREAS, to accelerate the process of certification, the Program is targeting long time organic agriculture practitioners to avail of the Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) accreditation as a viable alternative in lieu of third-party certification;

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WHEREAS, existing PGS practitioners are likewise organic agriculture experts who have wide knowledge in organic farming;

WHEREAS, these Organic Agriculture awardees and existing PGS practitioners are the most suitable candidates as the initial accredited Participatory Guarantee System - Organic Certifying Bodies (PGS-OCBs), since they have already achieved the highest level of knowledge and understanding of organic agriculture and have demonstrated it through actual farm practice;

WHEREAS, the DA-ATI has been directed to coordinate with the DA-RFOs in the identification of the past ROAC awardees and existing PGS groups for certification and PGS-OCB accreditation;

NOW, THEREFORE, considering the foregoing, this Honorable Board, by virtue of the powers vested in it by RA 10068, as amended, has **RESOLVED**, as it hereby resolves, instructing the DA Operating Units to prioritize previous ROAC awardees and existing PGS Groups for certification and PGS-OCBs accreditation.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that a copy of this resolution be furnished to all OA Implementing agencies and the DA-RFOs for its reference and information.



APPROVED by majority of the following Members of the NOAB present in a 1st Special Board Blended Meeting held on 24 February 2022, in Dagupan City, Pangasinan, Philippines.

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