



**NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD**  
**Resolution No. 023**  
**Series of 2022**

**APPROVING THE GRANTING OF PROVISIONAL ACCREDITATION TO CORE PARTICIPATORY GUARANTEE SYSTEM (PGS) GROUPS ISSUED WITH PARTICIPATORY ORGANIC CERTIFICATES (POC)**

**WHEREAS**, Section 5 of Republic Act No. 10068 (RA 10068), otherwise known as the "Organic Agriculture Act of 2010", established the National Organic Agriculture Program (NOAP);

**WHEREAS**, RA 10068 was amended by Republic Act No. 11511 (RA 11511), and Section 2 thereof reaffirms the policy of the State to promote, propagate, develop further and implement the practice of organic agriculture in the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, under Section 6 of RA 10068, as amended, the National Organic Agriculture Board (NOAB) is the policy-making body mandated, to provide direction and general guidelines for the implementation of the NOAP;

**WHEREAS**, RA 11511 amended several provisions of RA 10068 including the amendment of the existing Section 13 (Accreditation of OCB) designating and authorizing the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS) to grant accreditation to organic certifying bodies (OCBs) or entities performing inspection and certification as part of the Participatory Guarantee System (PGS);

**WHEREAS**, the NOAP aims to increase the number of certified organic areas in the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, to aid the attainment of the NOAP's objective to increase the number of certified organic areas, the BAFS proposed for the granting of provisional accreditation with a validity of one (1) year to core PGS groups issued with Participatory Organic Certificates (POCs) and have been subjected to office audit and review of Manual of Operations and Internal Standards;

**WHEREAS**, core PGS groups granted with Provisional Accreditation can conduct peer review/inspection of farmer-members and issue POC to peer reviewed farmer-members with the supervision of BAFS;

**WHEREAS**, core PGS group granted with Provisional Accreditation shall be subjected to witness audit of BAFS during the one year validity;

**WHEREAS**, core PGS groups granted with Provisional Accreditation shall comply with the office and witness audit findings within the one year validity to attain full accreditation;

**NOW THEREFORE**, considering the foregoing, this Honorable Board, by virtue of the powers vested in it by RA 10068, as amended by RA 11511, has **RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, approving the granting of provisional accreditation to core PGS groups issued with POC by the BAFS;



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**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the BAFS shall establish a supplementary guideline relative to the provisional accreditation to certified core PGS groups;

**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture, BAFS, NOAP Operating Units, DA Implementing Agencies, and all concerned offices be furnished a copy of this resolution for their information and appropriate action.

**APPROVED** by majority of the following members of the NOAB present in its 70th Regular Meeting held face-to-face and through teleconference on October 27, 2022, in Tayabas City, Quezon, Philippines.

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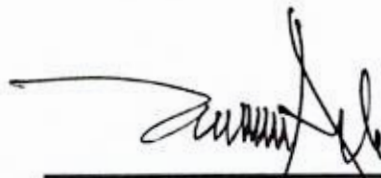
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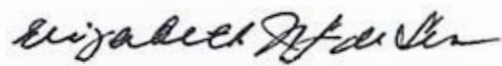


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