



NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD
Resolution No. 04
Series of 2023

**CREATION OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD
COMMITTEE TO REVIEW AMENDMENTS TO THE
SEED INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT ACT (RA 7308)**

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10068, also known as the Organic Agriculture Act of 2010, has been amended by Republic Act No. 11511 in December 2020, 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;

WHEREAS, Section 5 of RA 10068, as amended, established the National Organic Agriculture Program (NOAP);

WHEREAS, Section 6 of RA 10068, as amended, created the National Organic Agriculture Board (NOAB) as the policy-making body that shall provide direction and general guidelines for the implementation of the National Organic Agriculture Program (NOAP);

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7308, also known as the Seed Industry Development Act (SIDA), was enacted on March 27, 1992, the general objective of which is to promote and accelerate the development of the seed industry; one of the law's specific objective is to conserve, preserve, and develop the plant genetic resources of the country;

WHEREAS, RA 10068, as amended, also mandates the protection and preservation of indigenous and traditional crop varieties; and the establishment and/or strengthening of local organic seed centers in order to help increase farmers' adoption of organic agriculture through the availability of organic seeds;

WHEREAS, RA 7308 started undergoing review in 2018 for possible amendments to address issues and implementation gaps of the law, such as: availability of disease-free planting materials and registered/certified seeds; availability and cost of required production inputs; and low farm gate price, poor storage facilities and quality of seeds;

WHEREAS, one of the salient amendments proposed to the RA 7308 is the seed control mechanism which intends to provide adequate regulatory mechanisms without necessarily putting additional burdens or hamper the ease of doing business by interested persons; the proposed mechanisms include: (1) registration of all varieties produced for commerce with the National Seed Industry Council (NSIC); (2) importation and exportation of seeds subject to plant quarantine rules; (3) accreditation of seed producer/grower or organization; and (4) registration of seed dealer, trader, merchant and the like and truthful labeling of all varieties registered and listed varieties under the NSIC;



WHEREAS, the National Organic Agriculture Board – Technical Working Group discussed the proposed amendments to RA 7308 and agreed to create a NOAB committee to review the proposed amendments relative to the organic agriculture industry. The committee shall be led by the Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI), with the following members - the three NOAB small farmer representatives, the NOAB academe representative, BAFS and other agencies that the committee may deem necessary.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the foregoing, this Honorable Board, by virtue of the power vested in it by RA 10068, as amended, hereby **RESOLVES**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to approve the creation of the NOAB committee who shall review the proposed amendments to RA 7308;

RESOLVED FINALLY, that the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture, NOAB Members, the Bureau of Plant Industry, the National Seed Industry Council and all other concerned offices be furnished a copy of this resolution for their information and appropriate action.

APPROVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD BY AD REFERENDUM, this 15 day of May, 2023.

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