



NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD
Resolution No. 004
Series of 2021

**APPROVING THE AMENDMENTS TO DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. 05, SERIES OF 2020
 OR THE GUIDELINES ON THE REGISTRATION OF ORGANIC BIO-CONTROL AGENT
 PRODUCERS AND PRODUCTS**

WHEREAS, Section No. 05 of Republic Act No. 10068 otherwise known as the "Organic Agriculture Act of 2010," as amended by Republic Act No. 11511, established the National Organic Agriculture Program (NOAP);

WHEREAS, the Honorable Board is the policy-making body mandated under Section 6 of RA No. 10068, as amended by RA No. 11511, to provide direction and general guidelines for the implementation of the Program;

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture (DA) issued Administrative Order No. 14, Series of 2011 or the Guidelines on the Registration of Organic Food and Organic Input Producers to provide guidelines in the registration of inputs pertaining to plant protection, pest management products and bio-control agents;

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards of the Department of Agriculture (DA-BAFS) as the authorized agency to issue registration of organic food and input producers deemed it necessary to have specific guidelines for the registration of organic bio-control agents (OBCA) separate from the guidelines for the registration of organic soil amendments;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the NOAB Resolution No. 06, Series of 2020, the DA issued Department Circular (DC) No. 05, Series of 2020 or the Guidelines on the Registration of Organic Bio-control Agent (OBCA) Producers and Products specifying the requirements and procedures for the registration of the OBCA producers and products;

WHEREAS, in order to streamline the process for registration and to ensure the effectiveness of the OBCA products available in the market, the DA-BAFS recommended the following amendments to DC No. 05, Series of 2020:

1. Removal of Provisional Product Registration Status to ensure the effectiveness of the products prior the issuance of the full product registration;
2. Require publication of efficacy trial data to allow the public and other interested parties to assess the performance of the product and ensure the quality and reliability of data generated;
3. Amend the OBCA Manual particularly the conduct of efficacy trials i.e. increasing the number of required trials for full product registration (annual crops), number of required treatments, minimum replication etc.

NOW, THEREFORE, considering the foregoing, this Honorable Board, by virtue of the powers vested in it by RA 10068, has resolved, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, to approve the amendments to the guidelines on the registration of organic bio-control agents producers and product as presented in the attached Annex A.



RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the amended Department Circular shall be subjected to further review of the Legal Service of the Department.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that once the draft Department Circular has been found to have no legally objectionable provisions, the DA-BAFS shall endorse the document to the Office of the Secretary for the approval of the Department Secretary.

APPROVED by the following Members of the Board on January 15, 2021 :

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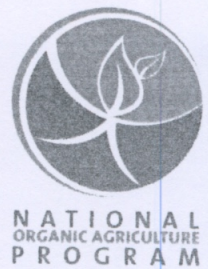
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