



NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD

Resolution No. 21
Series of 2021

APPROVING THE FINAL DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR THE CERTIFICATION AND ACCREDITATION OF CORE PARTICIPATORY GUARANTEE SYSTEM (PGS) GROUPS AS ORGANIC CERTIFYING BODIES

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10068 (RA No. 10068), otherwise known as the Organic Agriculture Act of 2010, was enacted to provide for the development and promotion of organic agriculture in the Philippines and for other purposes;

WHEREAS, Section 6 of RA No. 10068, created the National Organic Agriculture Board (NOAB) as the policy-making body of the National Organic Agriculture Program (NOAP), which is mandated to provide direction and general guidelines for the implementation of the NOAP;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11511 (RA No. 11511), an Act amending the Organic Agriculture Act of 2010, reaffirms the policy of the State to promote, propagate, develop further and implement the practice of organic agriculture in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, RA No. 11511 amended several provisions of RA No. 10068 including the amendment of the existing Section 13 (Accreditation of OCB) designated and authorized the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS) to grant accreditation to organic certifying bodies or entities performing inspection and certification as part of the Participatory Guarantee System (PGS);

WHEREAS, RA No. 11511 further amended RA No. 10068 by adding a new section (Section 14) on Participatory Guarantee System (PGS), which provides the basic principles, legal personality, certification, accreditation, organizational levels, promotion, training and inspection of, and incentives for PGS groups;

WHEREAS, Rule 14.3 of Section 14 (Participatory Guarantee System) of the IRR of RA No. 10068 as amended by RA No. 11511, mandates BAFS to *develop guidelines that will set out the principles, characteristics, composition, organization and procedures for the establishment and operation of PGS groups*;

WHEREAS, Rule 14.5 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Section 14 (Participatory Guarantee System) of RA No. 10068 as amended by RA No. 11511 further mandates the BAFS to develop policies and guidelines for the accreditation of core PGS groups or any qualified entity applying for accreditation, and related activities such as certification procedure, issuance of certification decision, and handling of complaints and appeals relating to the operations of accredited PGS groups;

WHEREAS, Rule 14.6 of the IRR further mandates the BAFS to certify five (5) individual farms selected by the PGS group to form the core PGS group; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, considering the foregoing, this Honorable Board, by virtue of the powers vested in it by RA No. 10068, as amended by RA No. 11511, has **RESOLVED, AS IT HEREBY RESOLVES**, to approve the Guidelines for the Certification and Accreditation of Core Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) Groups as Organic Certifying Bodies.

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

RESOLVED FINALLY, that once the draft guidelines have been found to be legally in order, the DA-BAFS shall endorse the draft guidelines to the Office of the Secretary for the approval and signature of the Department Secretary.

APPROVED by the following Members of the NOAB in special meeting held via teleconference on 21 May 2021, in Quezon City, NCR, Philippines.

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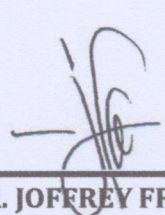
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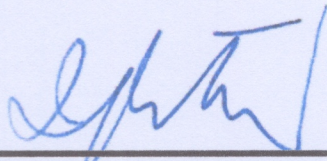


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