

NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD

Resolution No. 28
Series of 2021

GRANTING OF AUTHORITY TO THE BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES STANDARDS (BAFS) TO ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE TO GLOBAL GREEN ORGANIC FERTILIZER, INC. (GGOFI), BURO-BURO SPRINGS BLACK PEPPER, FLOWERS AND VERMI FARMS (BSBPFVF), AND OTHER AFFECTED CLIENTS SIMILARLY SITUATED IN LIEU OF ORGANIC CERTIFICATE DUE TO THE REVOKED OFFICIAL ACCREDITATION CERTIFICATE OF NEGROS ISLAND CERTIFICATION SERVICES, INC. (NICERT)

WHEREAS, the National Organic Agriculture Board (NOAB) is the policy-making body mandated under Section 6 of the RA No. 10068 as amended by RA No. 11511 (An Act Amending the Organic Agriculture Act of 2010), to provide direction and general guidelines for the implementation of the Program;

WHEREAS, modification and adjustment in the existing systems and procedures in government processes should be applied during pandemic and extraordinary times;

WHEREAS, there is no existing mechanism for the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS) to handle clients affected by revocation of the official accreditation of an organic certifying body;

WHEREAS, the Honorable Board recognized that Negros Island Certifications Services, Inc. (NICERT) has been revoked by the BAFS through the National Committee for Official Accreditation of Organic Certifying Bodies (NCOA-OCBs) Resolution No. 01, Series of 2021;

WHEREAS, the BAFS brought to the attention of the Honorable Board the circumstances of the affected clients of NICERT, particularly Global Green Organic Fertilizer, Inc. (GGOFI) and Buro-buro Springs Black Pepper, Flowers and Vermi Farm (BSBPFVF);

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing and in consonant with the Republic Act No. 11302 otherwise known as Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018, the Honorable Board deemed it necessary for BAFS to handle the application and assessment of compliance to applicable Philippine National Standards for organic agriculture of affected clients of NICERT;

WHEREAS, cognizant of the global pandemic situation affecting the effective implementation of the provisions of the Act, the Honorable Board deemed it necessary for BAFS, upon due evaluation, to issue certificate of compliance to affected clients of NICERT with a validity period of twelve (12) months from the date of issuance: Provided that the said clients shall file for organic certification with the officially accredited organic certifying body prior to the expiry of the certificate of compliance;



WHEREAS, the Honorable Board has the power to promulgate rules and regulations and exercise other powers and functions as may be necessary for its effective operations and for the continued enhancement growth or development of organic agriculture as mandated by Section 9 of the amended RA No. 10068;

NOW, THEREFORE, considering the foregoing, this Honorable Board, by virtue of the powers vested in it by the amended RA No. 10068, has **RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, to allow BAFS to issue certificate of compliance (COC) as attestation of compliance with applicable Philippine National Standards for organic agriculture to affected clients of NICERT - Global Green Organic Fertilizer, Inc. (GGOFI), Buro-buro Springs Black Pepper, Flowers and Vermi Farm (BSBPFVF) and other affected clients similarly situated - valid for twelve (12) months from the date of issuance;

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that the BAFS shall furnish the Honorable Board through the National Organic Agriculture Program - National Program Coordinating Office with a copy of issued COC;

APPROVED by the following Members of the NOAB on 24th SEPTEMBER 2021

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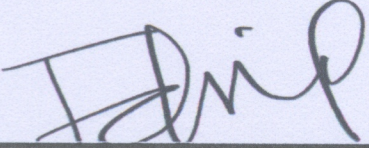


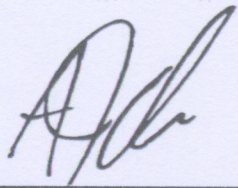
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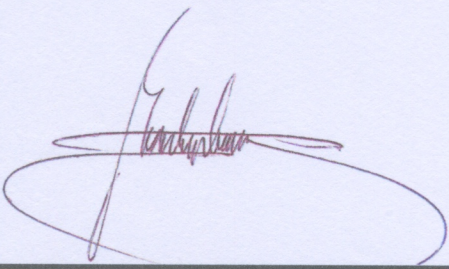
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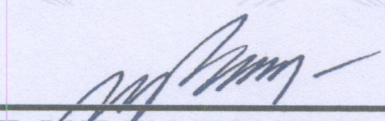
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