

**NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD**  
**Resolution No. 17**  
**Series of 2023**

**AMENDMENT TO NOAB RESOLUTION NO. 24, SERIES OF 2022, ENTITLED "APPROVING THE THRUSTS AND PRIORITIES OF THE NOAP FOR FY 2024 PLANNING AND BUDGET PURPOSES"**

**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;

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**WHEREAS**, No. 4 provision under the negative list (*page 3 of NOAB Resolution No. 24-2022*) provides 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Certification assistance to identified private farms, including Neliza Farm of Catanduanes and Avelin's Farm of Leyte;

**WHEREAS**, in a letter dated August 22, 2023 to the DA Regional Executive Director of DA RFO V, Mr. Edwin S. Banavidez, Provincial OA Focal Person of Catanduanes, informed that the owner of Neliza Farm is waiving the subsidy for third party certification renewal of his farm in 2024 because he cannot guarantee compliance to the requirements and objectives of the program due to severe manpower limitations; this was supported by a letter dated September 26, 2023 from Atty. Arnel C. Sarmiento, President and Farm Manager of Neliza Farm;

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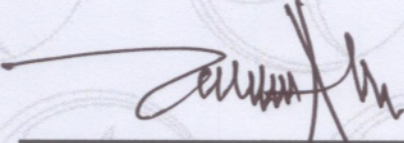
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**NOW THEREFORE**, considering the foregoing, this Honorable Board, by virtue of the powers vested in it by RA10068, as amended by RA 11511, has **RESOLVED**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to approve the request to **change the following target beneficiaries for FY 2024 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Certification assistance:**

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VIII	Avelin's Farm	Apoy Benit's Cacao Agricultural Farming

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

**APPROVED** on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023, in Manolo Fortich, Bukidnon, by the following NOAB Members present:

  
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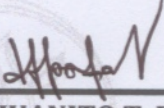
  
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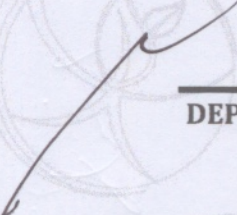


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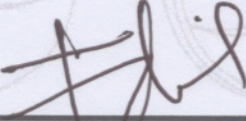
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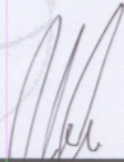
  
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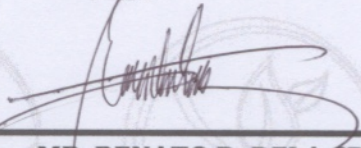
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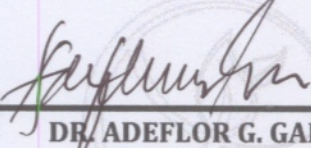
  
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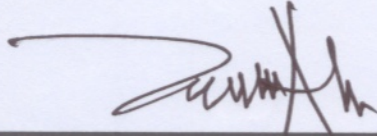
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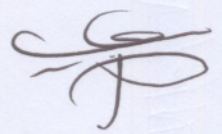
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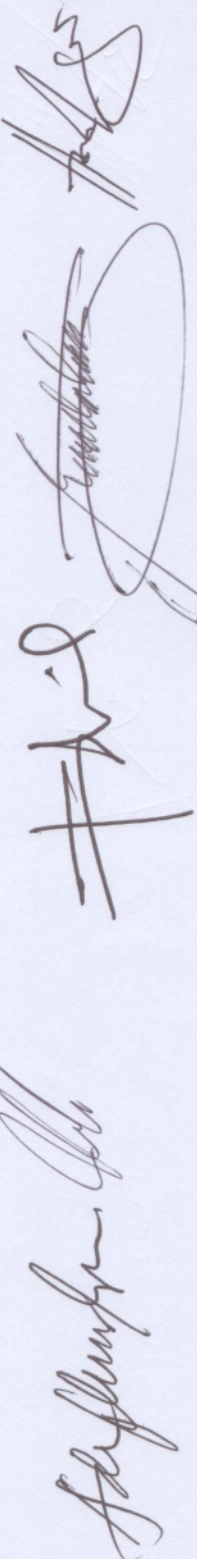
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