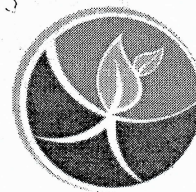




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NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD
Resolution No. 04
Series of 2016

APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE EXTENSION OF THE TRANSITORY PERIOD UNTIL OCTOBER 2016 FOR THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 17, LABELING OF ORGANIC PRODUCE, OF THE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10068

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

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

WHEREAS, Section 17 of the Act provides that only third party certification is allowed to be labelled as organically produced;

WHEREAS, Section 26 of the Act provides for penal sanctions for mislabeling of organic products;

WHEREAS, by virtue of NOAB Resolution No. 002, Series of 2013, Rule 15.1 was amended to extend the two-year transition period until April 2016, thereby deferring the implementation of Section 17;

WHEREAS, cognizant of all factors affecting the effective implementation of all the provisions of the Act, the NOAB deemed it necessary to extend its full implementation until October 2016;

NOW, THEREFORE, this Honorable Board, by virtue of the powers vested in it by RA 10068, has **RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, to approve and adopt the last extension of the transitory period until October 2016; and

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS) as a regulatory agency for organic agriculture shall spearhead the conduct of activities relative to the full implementation of the said provisions.

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that all members of the NOAB, the Secretary of Agriculture, and all heads of NOAP Operating Units be furnished with copies of this resolution for guidance and appropriate action.

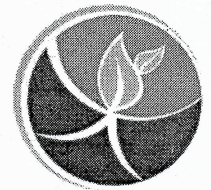
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