



NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD

Resolution No. 07

Series of 2016

RECOMMENDING THE APPROVAL OF THE REVISED GUIDELINES FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE ACHIEVERS' AWARDS (NOAAA)

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, in FY 2013, the National Organic Agriculture Achievers' Awards, now on its third (3rd) year of implementation, was approved to recognize and incentivize the top performing local government units (LGU) with outstanding contribution in the promotion and the development of the organic agriculture in the country;

WHEREAS, in FY 2014, the guidelines for the conduct of NOAAA was amended to include a category for Organic Family Farming in celebration of the FY 2014 International Year of Family Farming;

WHEREAS, in FY 2015, the guidelines for the conduct of the NOAAA was further revised to set for the minimum requirements for the Organic Farming Family (OFF) category based on the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), to change the category Small Farmers' Group to Farmers' Group, and to provide emphasis on the Internal Control System (ICS) requirement for farmers towards third-party certification;

WHEREAS, this 2016, the guidelines for the conduct of the NOAAA was further revised following the agreements of the members of its National Technical Search Committee (NTSC) during its post-evaluation meeting and the recommendations of the NOAB during the 6th Special Meeting held last 12 April 2016;

NOW, THEREFORE, this Honorable Board, by virtue of the powers vested in it by RA 10068, has **RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, to recommend for the approval of the revised guidelines for the conduct of the National Organic Agriculture Achievers' Awards (*Annex A*) by the Secretary of Agriculture;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the Guidelines for the conduct of the NOAAA shall be used by the National Organic Agriculture Program - National Program Coordinating Office (NOAP-NPCO) and the Regional Field Offices (RFO) in implementing the activity;


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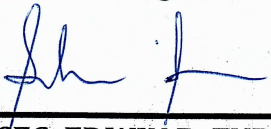


RESOLVED, FINALLY, that should this recommendation be adhered to, the NOAP-NPCO shall immediately endorse the Revised Guidelines and its attachments to the Office of the Secretary for the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture.

APPROVED by the following Members of the Board via referendum:



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