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NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD
Resolution No. 018
Series of 2022

APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES ON THE PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND/OR STRENGTHENING OF LOCAL ORGANIC SEED CENTERS AND SEED BANKS

WHEREAS, Section 5 of Republic Act 10068 (RA 10068), otherwise known as "The Organic Agriculture Act of 2010" established the National Organic Agriculture Program (NOAP);

WHEREAS, RA 10068 has been amended by RA 11511 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;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 6 of RA 10068, as amended, the National Organic Agriculture Board (NOAB) is the policy-making body mandated, to provide direction and general guidelines for the implementation of the NOAP;

WHEREAS, under Section 16 of the same amended Act, the local government units (LGUs) are mandated to coordinate with the DA-Bureau of Plant Industry (DA-BPI) for the establishment and/or strengthening of local organic seed centers in order to increase farmers' adoption of organic agriculture. Rule 16.11 of the IRR of the amended law further mandates the LGUs to establish and/or strengthen seed banks for indigenous varieties, including national campaigns for the protection and preservation of indigenous and traditional crop varieties;

WHEREAS, the DA-BPI drafted the implementing guidelines and have presented the same to the NOAB. These guidelines have likewise undergone subsequent public consultation with OA stakeholders for enhancement and refinement, and the inputs incorporated therein prior to its final presentation and approval of the Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, considering the foregoing, this Honorable Board, by the powers vested in it by RA 10068, as amended, has **RESOLVED**, as it now **RESOLVES**, approving the Implementing Guidelines in the Provision of Assistance for the Establishment and/or Strengthening of Local Organic Seed Centers and Seedbanks;

RESOLVED FINALLY, that a copy of this Resolution together with the above-said Implementing Guidelines be furnished to the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Bureau of Plant Industry for the corresponding administrative issuance;

APPROVED by a majority of the following members of the NOAB present in its 70th Regular Meeting held face-to-face and through teleconference on October 27, 2022, in Tayabas City, Quezon, Philippines.



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