



NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD
Resolution No. 02
Series of 2023

**APPROVING THE PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR THE IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF RELEVANT
PHILIPPINE NATIONAL STANDARDS (PNS) ON ORGANIC AGRICULTURE**

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;

WHEREAS, Section 5 of RA 10068, as amended, established the National Organic Agriculture Program (NOAP);

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

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS) developed the standard on organic agriculture (PNS/BAFPS 07:2003) to promote organic agriculture practices in the Philippines and enhance market competitiveness through a uniform approach to relevant requirements. The following are the adopted PNS on organic agriculture: (1) Organic Agriculture (PNS/BAFPS 07:2016); (2) Code of Practice for the Production of Organic Soil Amendments (PNS/BAFS 291:2016); (3) Organic Aquaculture Feeds (PNS/BAFS 187:2016); (4) Organic Biocontrol Agents – Microbials and Botanicals – Minimum Data Requirements (PNS/BAFS 182:2016); (5) Organic Aquaculture (PNS/BAFS 112:2016); (6) Organic Milled Rice – Code of Practice – Postproduction (PNS/BAFS 42:2019); (7) Organic Soil Amendments (PNS/BAFS 183:2020); and (8) PNS on Organic Agriculture Production of Traditional Rice Varieties – Code of Practice (PNS/BAFS 319:2021);

WHEREAS, the standard was revised in 2016 to ensure its relevance with the organic industry and alignment with ASEAN Standard for Organic Agriculture (ASOA);

WHEREAS, the disparity in the number of organic practitioners versus the number of registered producers influenced the decision of the BAFS to conduct an impact assessment to determine the use of the standard to gain or sustain the market, the social impact of compliance to standards, and contribution of standards implementation in ensuring the integrity of PA products. The assessment will determine the impact of relevant PNS on organic agriculture products' integrity and marketability;

NOW, THEREFORE, considering the foregoing, this Honorable Board, by the powers vested in it by RA 10068, as amended, has **RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, approving the proposal of the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS) to conduct an impact assessment of relevant Philippine National Standards on Organic Agriculture for funding by the Bureau of Agricultural Research (BAR) in FY 2023, subject to further review and discussion of its Terms of Reference;



RESOLVED FINALLY that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Directors of BAFS and BAR for their information and appropriate action;

APPROVED by the majority of the following members of the NOAB present in its 72nd Regular Meeting held face-to-face and through teleconference on January 18, 2023, at ATI RTC-CAR in La Trinidad, Benguet.

USEC. ZAMZAMIN L. AMPATUAN
Alternate Chairperson
Department of Agriculture (DA)
Date signed: 01-10-2023

ASEC. ELIZABETH N. LOPEZ DE LEON
Vice - Chairperson
Permanent Representative
Department of the Interior and Local
Government
Date signed: 02-02-2023

DIR. LUCIENNE S. PULGAR
Permanent Representative
Department of Agrarian Reform
Date signed: 01-09-2023

ASEC. BEVERLY LORRAINE C. HO, MPH
Permanent Representative
Department of Health
Date signed: _____

DIR. JUANITO T. BATALON
Permanent Representative
Department of Science and Technology
Date signed: _____

Permanent Representative
Department of Trade and Industry
Date signed: _____



DEP. DIR. GEN. ROSANNA A. URDANETA
Permanent Representative
Technical Education and Skills Development
Authority
Date signed: _____

EXEC. DIR. CAESAR M. ORTEGA
Representative, Indigenous Farmers
National Commission on Indigenous
Peoples
Date signed: _____

DR. VICTORIO FERNANDO D. NACPIL
Representative, Luzon Small Farmers
National Empowerment Development
Exchanges (NEDEX)
Date signed: 02-08-2023

MR. ANTONIO JESUS C. ORBIDA
Representative, Visayas Small Farmers
PeacePond Farmers Association (PFA)
Date signed: 02-07-2023

MR. RENATO D. DELA CRUZ
Representative, Mindanao Small Farmers
Integrated Farming System for Sustainable
Agriculture Farmers Association
Date signed: _____

GRATIA PLENA SOCIAL ACTION CENTER
Representative, NGO
Date signed: _____

MR. HENRY JAMES M. SISON
Representative, Agribusiness Firm/Private
Sector
Verdant Seasons Farm Management
Technologies Corporation
Date signed: _____

DR. AIEFLOR G. GARCIA
Representative, Academe
University of Southern Mindanao
Date signed: 02-06-2023



HON. ROMMEL C. ARNADO
Representative, LGU
National President of League of Organic
Agriculture Municipalities, Cities and
Provinces of the Philippines
Date signed: 02-01-2023

MR. JOFEREY FRINAL
Representative, PGS Group
PGS Pilipinas
Date signed: 02-02-2023

Attested by:

DIR. BERNADETTE F. SAN JUAN, CESO II
NOAB Secretariat
Department of Agriculture - National
Organic Agriculture Program
Date signed: 02-08-2023



NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD

Resolution No. _____

Series of 2023

**APPROVING THE PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR THE IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF RELEVANT
PHILIPPINE NATIONAL STANDARDS (PNS) ON ORGANIC AGRICULTURE**

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;

WHEREAS, Section 5 of RA 10068, as amended, established the National Organic Agriculture Program (NOAP);

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

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS) developed the standard on organic agriculture (PNS/BAFPS 07:2003) to promote organic agriculture practices in the Philippines and enhance market competitiveness through a uniform approach to relevant requirements. The following are the adopted PNS on organic agriculture: (1) Organic Agriculture (PNS/BAFPS 07:2016); (2) Code of Practice for the Production of Organic Soil Amendments (PNS/BAFS 291:2016); (3) Organic Aquaculture Feeds (PNS/BAFS 187:2016); (4) Organic Biocontrol Agents – Microbials and Botanicals – Minimum Data Requirements (PNS/BAFS 182:2016); (5) Organic Aquaculture (PNS/BAFS 112:2016); (6) Organic Milled Rice – Code of Practice – Postproduction (PNS/BAFS 42:2019); (7) Organic Soil Amendments (PNS/BAFS 183:2020); and (8) PNS on Organic Agriculture Production of Traditional Rice Varieties – Code of Practice (PNS/BAFS 319:2021);

WHEREAS, the standard was revised in 2016 to ensure its relevance with the organic industry and alignment with ASEAN Standard for Organic Agriculture (ASOA);

WHEREAS, the disparity in the number of organic practitioners versus the number of registered producers influenced the decision of the BAFS to conduct an impact assessment to determine the use of the standard to gain or sustain the market, the social impact of compliance to standards, and contribution of standards implementation in ensuring the integrity of PA products. The assessment will determine the impact of relevant PNS on organic agriculture products' integrity and marketability;

NOW, THEREFORE, considering the foregoing, this Honorable Board, by the powers vested in it by RA 10068, as amended, has **RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, approving the proposal of the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS) to conduct an impact assessment of relevant Philippine National Standards on Organic Agriculture for funding by the Bureau of Agricultural Research (BAR) in FY 2023, subject to further review and discussion of its Terms of Reference;



RESOLVED FINALLY that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Directors of BAFS and BAR for their information and appropriate action;

APPROVED by the majority of the following members of the NOAB present in its 72nd Regular Meeting held face-to-face and through teleconference on January 18, 2023, at ATI RTC-CAR in La Trinidad, Benguet.

USEC. ZAMZAMIN L. AMPATUAN
Alternate Chairperson
Department of Agriculture (DA)
Date signed: 01-30-2023

ASEC. ELIZABETH N. LOPEZ DE LEON
Vice - Chairperson
Permanent Representative
Department of the Interior and Local
Government
Date signed: 02-02-2023

DIR. LUCIENNE S. PULGAR
Permanent Representative
Department of Agrarian Reform
Date signed: 02-07-2023

ASEC. BEVERLY LORRAINE C. HO, MPH
Permanent Representative
Department of Health
Date signed: _____

DIR. JUANITO T. BATALON
Permanent Representative
Department of Science and Technology
Date signed: _____

Permanent Representative
Department of Trade and Industry
Date signed: _____



DEP. DIR. GEN. ROSANNA A. URDANETA
 Permanent Representative
 Technical Education and Skills Development
 Authority
 Date signed: _____

EXEC. DIR. CAESAR M. ORTEGA
 Representative, Indigenous Farmers
 National Commission on Indigenous
 Peoples
 Date signed: _____

DR. VICTORIO FERNANDO D. NACPIL
 Representative, Luzon Small Farmers
 National Empowerment Development
 Exchanges (NEDEX)
 Date signed: 02-08-2023

MR. ANTONIO JESUS C. ORBIDA
 Representative, Visayas Small Farmers
 PeacePond Farmers Association (PFA)
 Date signed: 02-01-2023

MR. RENATO D. DELA CRUZ
 Representative, Mindanao Small Farmers
 Integrated Farming System for Sustainable
 Agriculture Farmers Association
 Date signed: _____

GRATIA PLENA SOCIAL ACTION CENTER
 Representative, NGO
 Date signed: _____

MR. HENRY JAMES M. SISON
 Representative, Agribusiness Firm/Private
 Sector
 Verdant Seasons Farm Management
 Technologies Corporation
 Date signed: _____

DR. AIEFLOR G. GARCIA
 Representative, Academe
 University of Southern Mindanao
 Date signed: 02-06-2023



HON. ROMMEL C. ARNADO
Representative, LGU
National President of League of Organic
Agriculture Municipalities, Cities and
Provinces of the Philippines
Date signed: 02-03-2023

MR. JOPEREY FRINAL
Representative, PGS Group
PGS Pilipinas
Date signed: 02-02-2023

Attested by:

DIR. BERNADETTE F. SAN JUAN, CESO II
NOAB Secretariat
Department of Agriculture - National
Organic Agriculture Program
Date signed: 02-08-2023