

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD

BAFPS Bldg., BPI Compound, Visayas Ave., Quezon City



NOAB Resolution No. <u>002</u> Series of 2013

APPROVING THE REVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 10, S-2012 RE GUIDELINES FOR THE SELECTION OF ORGANIC DEMO AND TRAINING FARMS

WHEREAS, Section 5 of Republic Act No. 10068 otherwise known as the "Organic Agriculture Act of 2010" established the National Organic Agricultural Program (NOAP);

WHEREAS, this Honorable Board, being the policy-making body of the NOAP, approved the 2012-2016 NOAP;

WHEREAS, said NOAP provides that the NOAB and its Technical Working Groups (TWGs) shall periodically review existing government issuances, polices and programs which have an effect on the implementation of the said Act and harmonize further recommendations;

WHEREAS, during the 2014 Budget Preparation Meeting held on 19-20 February 2013, the Organic Agriculture Regional Focal Persons suggested the revision of AO No. 10, s-2012 re **Guidelines for the Selection of Organic Demo and Training Farms** to reflect the following:

III. B Criteria for the Selection of Proponents or Recipients

Eligible proponents or recipients of the assistance for the establishment of demo and training farms include

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7. Private individuals in partnership with qualified agencies/organizations preferably those accredited by ATI as organic ESPs or in partnership with LGUs

III.C. Operation of the Demo Farm

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4. Training Activities

The farm shall endeavor to conduct formal or informal training by at least thirty (30) farmers every quarter for the five (5) year project duration. The farm shall coordinate with LGUs, or SUCs to attain the prescribed quota. Expenses for the training shall be at the expense of the project. No fees shall be collected from the trainees.

IV. MONITORING

Established demo farms shall establish a record keeping system demonstrating and highlighting organic farming management practices (i.e farm diary, inputs, harvest records, sales records, etc.). Likewise, photo documentation is encouraged. The said documents will be open to the public.



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Farm Managers/Responsible officers are required to give information and/or updates of the farm status to the DA-RFUs semi-annually. These updates/news shall be posted in the dedicated website for organic agriculture. Likewise, the responsible officer shall inform the DA-RFUs of their activities , seminars and or trainings in the farm. Managers and officers of the demo farms shall also furnish BAFPS copies of said documents.

Furthermore, the monitoring mechanisms for the demo farms shall be in consonance with the Guidelines for the Approval of Project Proposals for Organic Agriculture.

WHEREAS, during the 17th Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board held on 07 March 2013, the members of the Board then present agreed to adopt said revisions to the **Guidelines** for the Selection of Organic Demo and Training Farms;

NOW, THEREFORE, this Honorable Board, by virtue of the powers vested in it by RA 10068, has RESOLVED, as it hereby RESOLVES, to approve the said revision of the said AO; and

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the Secretary of Agriculture be furnished a copy of this Resolution, for reference.

APPROVED by the following Members of the Board in a referendum held for the purpose.

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