



NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD

Resolution No. 04
Series of 2018

**RECOMMENDING THE APPROVAL OF THE GUIDELINES FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD
FOR THE REGISTRATION OF ESTABLISHMENTS OF PRIMARY AND POSTHARVEST
ORGANIC FOOD AND NON-FOOD PRODUCTS**

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

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 NOAP;

WHEREAS, Section 16, Registration of Organic Food and Organic Input Producers, of the Republic Act No. 10068 or the Organic Agriculture Act of 2010 states that all organic food and input establishments must register with the Director of the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards of the Department of Agriculture (DA-BAFS);

WHEREAS, Department's Administrative Order No. 14, Series of 2011 (*Guidelines on the Registration of Organic Food and Organic Input Producers*) was issued on April 08, 2011 to prescribed the rules and regulations for the registration of organic food and organic input producers/establishments;

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Department Circular No. 03, Series of 2015 (*Rules and Regulations on the Registration of Primary and Postharvest Organic Food and Non-food Products*) was issued to provide guidelines in the registration of establishments of primary and postharvest organic food and non-food products;

WHEREAS, Sections 4 and 5 of DC No. 03, Series of 2015 provide the specific responsibilities of the Department of Agriculture's (DA) Regulatory Agencies (Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI), National Dairy Authority (NDA), National Meat Inspection Services (NMIS), Philippine Fiber Industry Development Authority (PhilFIDA); and Sugar Regulatory Agency (SRA)) and DA-BAFS, respectively, in the registration of primary and postharvest organic food and non-food products. In addition, the DA Regulatory Agencies are also mandated to assist DA-BAFS in preparing the official list of registered establishments of primary and postharvest organic food and non-food products;

WHEREAS, upon assessment of DA-BAFS on the readiness of each DA Regulatory Agencies to process the registration of organic agriculture, it was found that majority of these agencies are still on the process of revising their existing guidelines and establishing new registration procedures and requirements since the effectivity of DC No. 03, Series of 2015 in July 2016;



WHEREAS, in order to address the need of the concerned stakeholders who are availing the incentives provided in Section 24 (Incentives) of the OA Act, and to ensure the sustainability of the registration service for the certified establishments of organic food and non-food products, the DA-BAFS shall continue to accept and satisfy applicants until the new registration procedures and requirements for such certified organic establishments by the concerned DA Regulatory Agencies as required in DC No. 03, Series of 2015 are implemented;

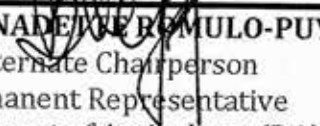
WHEREAS, considering the foregoing, the DA-BAFS has drafted a Department Circular to provide the transitory period for the registration of establishments of primary and postharvest organic food and non-food products (attached in Annex A).

NOW, THEREFORE, the Honorable Board, by virtue of the powers vested in it by RA 10068, has resolved, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, to recommend the approval of the Department Circular for the Transitory Period for the Registration of Establishments of Primary and Postharvest Organic Food and Non-food Products.


RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the said Department Circular shall be subjected to further study of the concerned NOAB Technical Committee.

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that the BAFS shall endorse the document to the Office of the Secretary for the approval of the Department Secretary.

APPROVED by the following Members of the Board on the 17th day of January 2018:



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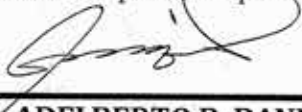


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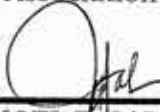


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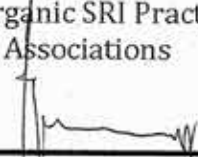
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