



NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD
Resolution No. 12
Series of 2017

RECOMMENDING THE APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT DEPARTMENT ORDER ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE XII OF THE DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. 06 SERIES OF 2015 ENTITLED REVISED GUIDELINES FOR THE OFFICIAL ACCREDITATION OF ORGANIC CERTIFYING BODIES RE: MANDATORY USE OF ORGANIC MARK ON ORGANIC CERTIFICATION ISSUANCES AND ALL CERTIFIED PRODUCTS

WHEREAS, Section No. 05 of Republic Act No. 10068 otherwise known as the "Organic Agriculture Act (R.A.) 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, Section 17 (*Labelling of Organic Produce*) of the Republic Act No. 10068 (RA No. 10068), otherwise known as Organic Agriculture Act of 2010 (OAA) states that only third party certified products are allowed to be labelled as "Organic", and, that the label of certified organic produce shall contain the name, logo or seal of the organic certifying body and the official accreditation number issued by Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards of the Department of Agriculture (DA-BAFS);

WHEREAS, Article 12 of the Department Circular (DC) No. 6 s. of 2015, (*Revised Guideline on the official Accreditation of Organic Certifying Bodies*) states that the "Organic" mark issued by the DA-BAFS shall always accompany the logo of the Organic Certifying Bodies (OCBs) and its official accreditation number, and may appear only on organic certificate issuances, and on all certified products under its scope;

WHEREAS, Article 5 of DC No. 05 s. of 2016, (*Transition Period for the Use of Organic Mark on Third Party Certified Food and Non-food Products*) states that the transition period shall be one year after the date of effectivity of the DC No. 6 s. of 2015, DC No. 5 s. 2015 and DC No. 3 s. of 2015;

WHEREAS, that the transition period will end on July 13, 2017, thereafter the use of organic mark on third party certified food and non-food products shall be mandatory;

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WHEREAS, Section 26 of the RA No. 10068 states that any person who willfully and deliberately mislabels or claims that the product is organic when it is not in accordance with the existing standards for Philippine Organic Agriculture or the OAA, upon conviction, be punished by imprisonment, or fine, or both, at the discretion of the court.

NOW, THEREFORE, this 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 draft Department Order on the implementation of Article XII of the Department Circular No. 06 Series of 2015 or the Revised Guidelines for the Official Accreditation of Organic Certifying Bodies for the mandatory use of organic mark on organic certification issuances and all certified products.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the DA-BAFS shall adopt the resolution and facilitate the endorsement of said Department Order to the Office of the Secretary for the approval of the Department Secretary.

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that all members of the NOAB, the Secretary of Agriculture, the National Program Coordinator of NOAP-NPCO, all heads of NOAP Operating Units, and all Regional and Implementing Agencies Organic Agriculture Focal Persons, be furnished with copies of this Resolution, for reference.

APPROVED by the following Members of the Board on July 06, 2017:



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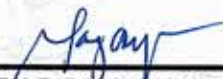
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