



NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD

**Resolution No. 13
Series of 2018**

**RECOMMENDING THE APPROVAL OF THE REVISED GUIDELINES ON THE
PROVISION OF CERTIFICATION ASSISTANCE FOR ORGANIC AGRICULTURE
ENTITIES**

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 24 of Republic Act No. 10068, or the Organic Agriculture Act of 2010 states that the government shall extend incentives for the production and propagation of organic farm inputs by maximizing their use in all government and government-supported agricultural production, research and demonstration programs;

WHEREAS, Section 24 further states that incentives such as subsidies for certification fees and other support services to facilitate organic certification shall be provided to farmers whose farms have been duly certified as compliant to the Philippine National Standards (PNS);

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Department of Agriculture issued Department Circular No. 04, Series of 2015 or the Revised Guidelines on the Provision of Certification Subsidy Incentive for Organic Agriculture Entities /Farmers and Organic Input Producers to fully operationalize Section 24 item (d) of the OA Act;

WHEREAS, to address the need of the concerned offices and to effectively implement the provision of certification assistance, the National Organic Agriculture Board (NOAB) deemed it necessary to amend D.C. No. 04, Series of 2015;

WHEREAS, considering the foregoing, a Department Circular has been drafted to provide the Revised Guidelines for the Provision of Certification Assistance for Organic Agriculture Entities (attached in Annex A);

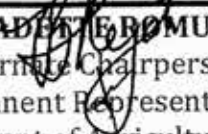
NOW, THEREFORE, the Honorable Board, by virtue of the powers vested in it by RA 10068, has resolved, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, to recommend the approval of the Revised Guidelines for the Provision of Certification Assistance for Organic Agriculture Entities.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the said Department Circular shall be subjected to further review of the Legal Service of the Department.




RESOLVED FINALLY, that once the draft Department Circular has been found to have no legally objectionable provisions, the NOAB Secretariat 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 via referendum:




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