



NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD

Resolution No. 19
Series of 2019

RECOMMENDING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – REGIONAL FIELD OFFICES TO CONDUCT RANDOM MONITORING OF ORGANIC FARMS AND SURVEILLANCE OF MARKETS RETAILING ORGANIC PRODUCE, AND USE THE RAPID BIO-ASSAY FOR PESTICIDES RESIDUE IN THE ANALYSIS OF ORGANIC PRODUCE

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

WHEREAS, the Honorable Board as the policy-making body mandated under Section 6 of RA 10068 to provide direction and general guidelines for the implementation of the NOAP;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 16 (Registration of Organic Food and Organic Input Producers) and 17 (Labeling of Organic Produce) of RA 10068, the Department of Agriculture issued Department Circular No. 02, Series of 2015 (DC No. 02, Series of 2015) or the Guidelines for the Conduct of Validation for the Registration of Organic Primary and Post-harvest Food, Non-food and Input Producers;

WHEREAS, DC No. 02, Series of 2015 mandates the Department of Agriculture Regional Field Offices (DA RFOs) to create a regional post-market surveillance teams (RPMST) that shall be responsible for the conduct of post-market surveillance of registered organic primary and post-harvest food, non-food products and inputs in market outlets in their respective regions, collect product samples from organic market outlets for laboratory analyses, and prepare list of organic products sold in market outlets;

WHEREAS, the National Crop Protection Center (NCPC) in University of the Philippines Los Baños conducted a study wherein Rapid Bioassay for Pesticide Residue (RBPR) System a quick test kit tool was used to detect pesticide residues particularly organophosphates and carbamates in vegetables from selected farms, markets, supermarkets and trading posts;

WHEREAS, the RBPR can be used for monitoring post-harvest fruits and vegetable for market inspection and consumer protection, and monitoring the compliance of organic producers with the Philippine National Standards for Organic Agriculture (PNS/BAFS 07:2016);

WHEREAS, the NOAB recognizes the need for effective monitoring mechanisms and tools to ensure that the produce and products labeled as organic sold in the markets are pesticide free.

NOW, THEREFORE, considering the foregoing, this Honorable Board, by virtue of the powers vested in it by RA 10068, has resolved, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, to request the Department of Agriculture – Regional Field Offices to conduct random monitoring of organic farms and surveillance of markets retailing organic produce, and use the Rapid Bio-assay for Pesticides Residue (RBPR) in the analysis of organic produce.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that the National Organic Agriculture Program-National Program Coordinating Office and the DA RFOs shall appropriate budget for the purchase of the tool and continuous conduct of monitoring of organic farms and surveillance of markets.

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


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RESOLVED FINALLY, that the Secretary of Agriculture, all members of the NOAB, Program Coordinator of the National Organic Agriculture Program-National Program Coordinating Office, the Regional Executive Directors and the Director of the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS) be furnished with copies of this resolution for guidance and appropriate action.

APPROVED by the following Members of the Board on the 17th day of July 2019 in Makati City:



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