



**NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD**

Resolution No. 20  
 Series of 2017

**RECOMMENDING THE APPROVAL OF THE EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THE  
 PHILIPPINE NATIONAL STANDARD FOR ORGANIC AGRICULTURE  
 (PNS/BAFS 07:2016)**

**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 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**, Rule 4.1. of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of RA No. 10068 mandates the BAFS to formulate and/or update organic agriculture standards which would cover crops, livestock and aquaculture, organic production, processing and labeling adopting the Department's protocols for standards formulation and adoption taking into account participatory approaches and emphasis on transparency and accountability;

**WHEREAS**, the BAFS spearheaded the development of the explanatory notes to the Philippine National Standard (PNS) for Organic Agriculture (PNS/BAFS 07:2016) in collaboration with the members of the Technical Working Group (TWG) from government agencies, academe, and private sector.

**WHEREAS**, the document is intended as a legally non-binding guide to the PNS for Organic Agriculture and is aimed to harmonize the interpretation of the Standard, thereby facilitating international as well as national trade. It is also intended to provide guidance and information to farmers, packers, private sector, trainers, competent authority, certification bodies, and other interested parties for compliance with the provisions of the Standard;

**WHEREAS**, the document includes the following sections of the Standard: (1) crop production; (2) organic beekeeping; (3) special products; (4) processed organic products; (5) labeling and consumer information; and (6) traceability and recordkeeping. The minimum requirements for animal production (Section 6), including conversion (Section 4.1.2), of the PNS are not included in this document.

**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 explanatory notes to the PNS for Organic Agriculture (PNS/BAFS 07:2016).

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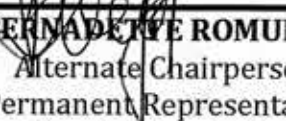
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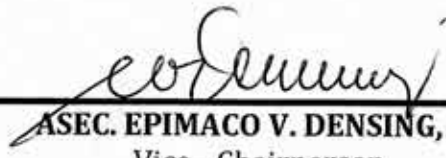
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**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that should this recommendation be adhered to, the BAFS shall endorse the document to the Office of the Secretary for the approval of the Department Secretary.

**APPROVED** by the following Members of the Board via referendum:

  
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