



NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD

Resolution No. 20

Series of 2018

RECOMMENDING THE APPROVAL OF THE REVISED GUIDELINES FOR THE CONDUCT OF VALIDATION ACTIVITIES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF ORGANIC INPUTS, PRIMARY AND POST-HARVEST FOOD, AND NON-FOOD PRODUCERS/OPERATORS

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, Rule 16.1 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA No. 10068 or the Organic Agriculture Act of 2010 states that all applications for registration of organic food and input producers shall be subjected to a validation process by the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards;

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Department of Agriculture issued Department Circular (DC) No. 02, Series of 2015 or the Guidelines for the Conduct of Validation Process for the Registration of Organic Primary and Post-Harvest Food, Non-Food, and Input Producers to fully operationalize Rule 16.1 of the RA No. 10068;

WHEREAS, in order to clearly define the rules and procedures for the conduct of validation activities, and to clearly delineate the roles and responsibilities of the Organic Agriculture Validation Team (OAVT) and the Regional Post-Market Surveillance Team (RPMST) in ensuring continued compliance with the recent version of applicable Philippine National Standards (PNS) relevant to organic agriculture and other regulatory requirements, the BAFS deemed it necessary to revise DC No. 02, Series of 2015;

WHEREAS, considering the foregoing, a draft revision of the DC No. 02, Series of 2015 was presented to the NOAB during its Technical Committee Meeting on May 16, 2018. The NOAB, agreeing to the necessity for revision, initially recommended its approval during the 55th Regular Meeting on July 17, 2018.

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 conduct of validation activities for the registration of organic inputs, primary and post-harvest food, and non-food producers/operators.



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 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 July 17, 2018:

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