



NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD

Resolution No. 21

Series of 2018

RECOMMENDING THE APPROVAL OF THE GUIDELINES ON THE CERTIFICATION OF RESEARCHERS FOR THE CONDUCT OF EFFICACY/BIO-EFFICACY TRIALS FOR THE PURPOSES OF REGISTRATION OF ORGANIC SOIL AMENDMENTS (OSA) AND ORGANIC BIO-CONTROL AGENTS (OBCA)

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 16 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 processed by the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS);

WHEREAS, in the process of registration of organic soil amendments and bio-control agents, efficacy/bio-efficacy trial protocol must be prepared and signed by a BAFS certified researcher for OSA and OBCA;

WHEREAS, the BAFS drafted a guidelines for the certification of researchers who will conduct efficacy/bio-efficacy trials and generation of data thereafter for the purposes of registration of producers/operators of OSA and OBCA;

WHEREAS, the guidelines aims to ensure that researchers authorized to conduct efficacy / bio-efficacy trials for OSA or OBCA have undergone assessment, examination and evaluation by BAFS through the compliance to requirements and procedures for the certification of researchers.

WHEREAS, a draft guidelines was presented to the NOAB during its Technical Committee Meeting on May 16, 2018. The NOAB, agreeing to the necessity for the issuance of guidelines, 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 guidelines on the certification of researchers for the conduct of efficacy/bio-efficacy trials for the purposes of registration of OSA and OBCA.

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

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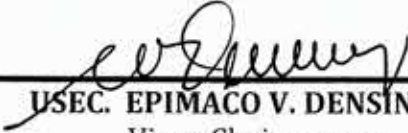


RESOLVED FINALLY, that once the draft Department Circular has been found to have no legally objectionable provisions, the BAFS shall endorse the document to the Office of the Secretary for the approval of the Department Secretary.

APPROVED by the following Members of the Board on July 17, 2018:

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