



NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD
Resolution No. 24
Series of 2018

RECOMMENDING THE INCLUSION OF BUREAU OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES (BFAR) AS IMPLEMENTER OF CERTIFICATION ASSISTANCE TO ORGANIC AQUACULTURE PRACTITIONERS

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, the National Organic Agriculture Board (NOAB) deemed it necessary to amend D.C. No. 04, Series of 2015 through the issuance of NOAB Resolution No. 13, Series of 2018;

WHEREAS, the provisions under the revised Department Circular aim to expand the applicability and coverage of certification assistance, and specify the roles and responsibilities of concerned offices in the processing of application for certification assistance and ensure that certification assistance is given to qualified entities to facilitate certification by organic certifying bodies (OCBs);

WHEREAS, during the NOAB Technical Committee Meeting last May 17, 2018, the NOAB agreed to recommend BFAR as one of the implementers of certification assistance to organic aquaculture practitioners;

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WHEREAS, the BFAR shall provide certification assistance to organic agriculture entities applying only for organic aquaculture certification and form its own pre-assessment team for the said purpose;

WHEREAS, considering the foregoing, the Department Circular No. 04, Series of 2015 will be revised to include BFAR in the implementation of certification assistance;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Honorable Board, by virtue of the powers vested in it by RA 10068, has resolved, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, to recommend BFAR as implementer of certification assistance to organic aquaculture practitioners.

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 July 17, 2018:

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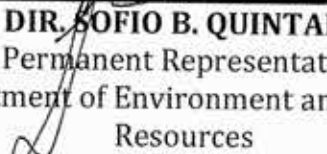
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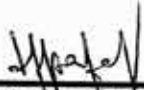
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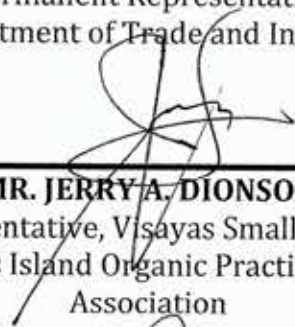

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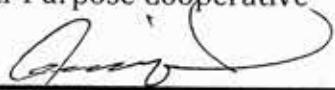
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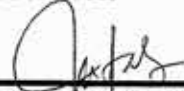

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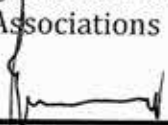
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