



**NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD**  
Resolution No. 25  
Series of 2018

**RECOMMENDING THE APPROVAL OF THE GUIDELINES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR OFFICIAL ACCREDITATION OF ORGANIC CERTIFYING BODIES (NCOA-OCB)**

**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**, Section 15 (Accreditation of Organic Certifying Body) of Republic Act No. 10068, otherwise known as Organic Agriculture Act of 2010, mandates the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS) to grant official accreditation to organic certifying bodies;

**WHEREAS**, Rule 15.2 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the Organic Agriculture Act of 2010 mandated the BAFS to chair a Technical Working Group which shall revisit, prepare, and update the guidelines, rules and procedures for the accreditation of organic certifying bodies for the approval by the National Organic Agriculture Board (NOAB);

**WHEREAS**, Rule 15.4 of the IRR of the Organic Agriculture Act of 2010 authorized the BAFS to organize accreditation committee subject to the approval by the NOAB;

**WHEREAS**, in line with the harmonization of the guidelines, rules and procedures for the official accreditation of organic certifying bodies, and to formalize the creation of the official accreditation committee, there is a need to lay down the composition, responsibilities, qualification criteria, term of office and the capability building of the said committee;

**WHEREAS**, the draft Department Order establishes the National Committee for Official Accreditation of Organic Certifying Body (NCOA-OCB) by providing guidelines for the composition and its responsibilities, term of office, and the capability building mechanism.

**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 draft Department Order with the subject "Guidelines for the Establishment and Composition of National Committee on Official Accreditation of Organic Certifying Bodies (NCOA-OCB)".

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**RESOLVED, FURTHER**, that the draft Department Order shall be referred to the Office of the Undersecretary of Policy, Planning, Research and Development, and Regulations, and the Legal Service of the Department for further review.

**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 via referendum:

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