



**NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD**  
**Resolution No. 04**  
**Series of 2020**

**RECOMMENDING THE APPROVAL OF THE GUIDELINES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, MAINTENANCE, AND AMENDMENT OF THE NATIONAL LIST OF PERMITTED SUBSTANCES FOR ORGANIC AGRICULTURE**

**WHEREAS**, the Republic Act No. 10068 otherwise known as the Organic Agriculture Act of 2010 mandates that the basis for certification of officially accredited organic certifying bodies are the relevant Philippine National Standards (PNS) for Organic Agriculture;

**WHEREAS**, the Department Circular No. 01, Series of 2018 (Revised Guidelines for the Official Accreditation of Organic Certifying Bodies) requires the use of PNS relevant to organic agriculture as minimum requirements for organic certification;

**WHEREAS**, PNS for Organic Agriculture (PNS/BAFS 07:2016) provides the minimum requirements for inclusion of substances in the list of permitted substances for organic agriculture;

**WHEREAS**, the existing mechanism for any amendment in the permitted substances, although does not affect the entirety of the adopted PNS for organic agriculture, requires the adherence to the standards development protocol for revising a PNS;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to establish a mechanism to facilitate faster amendment of the permitted substances to reflect the changes in current practices or respond to results of scientific studies;

**WHEREAS**, the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards of the Department of the agriculture (DA-BAFS) drafted a circular that provides the guidelines for the establishment, maintenance, and amendment of the National List of Permitted Substances for Organic Agriculture;

**WHEREAS**, the DA-BAFS presented the above-cited draft guidelines to the NOAB during its 61<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting on January 15, 2020, where the NOAB recommended to defer its approval pending the discussion of the NOAB Technical Committee.

**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 for the establishment, maintenance, and amendment of the National List of Permitted Substances for Organic Agriculture.



**RESOLVED, FURTHER**, that the draft 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 DA-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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