



NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD
Resolution No. 05
Series of 2020

RECOMMENDING THE APPROVAL OF THE GUIDELINES ON THE REGISTRATION OF ORGANIC SOIL AMENDMENT PRODUCERS AND PRODUCTS

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 2015, the Department of Agriculture (DA) issued Department Circular (DC) No. 05, Series of 2015 or the Revised Rules and Regulations on the Registration of Organic Fertilizer Producers to provide guidelines in the registration of organic fertilizer producers in the country, and to ensure that organic fertilizer products being marketed are compliant with the relevant Philippine National Standards (PNS);

WHEREAS, due to the revision of the PNS/BAFPS 40:2013 "Organic Fertilizer" to PNS/BAFS 183:2018 "Organic Soil Amendments", the BAFS deemed it necessary to align the registration of organic soil amendments with the recent changes in PNS;

WHEREAS, the DA BAFS revised DC No. 05, Series of 2015 to provide criteria, revised requirements, streamlined procedure and guidelines for the registration of OSA producers/operators and ensure that the soil amendment products being marketed as 'organic' are compliant to the recent version of PNS Organic Soil Amendments;

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 revision of the rules and regulations, recommended its approval during the 55th Regular Meeting on July 17, 2018;

WHEREAS, the NOAB issued Resolution No. 18, Series of 2018 to recommend the approval of the revised rules and regulations on the registration of organic soil amendment producers, and instructed the DA BAFS to conduct public consultative workshops to discuss the draft rules and regulations to stakeholders and to subject the draft rules and regulations for review of the DA Legal Service;



WHEREAS, the DA BAFS conducted public consultative workshops on October 18, 2018 and November 6, 2019, and endorsed the draft guidelines for review of the DA Legal Service on November 19, 2019;

WHEREAS, the DA BAFS revised the draft guidelines based on the output of the public consultative workshops and the legal review such as the inclusion of products in the registration of organic soil amendments, removal of the efficacy trial requirement and experimental use permit; and extension of validity of certificate of registration and certification product registration from three (3) years to five (5) years;

WHEREAS, the DA-BAFS presented the above-cited draft guidelines to the NOAB during its 61st 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 revised rules and regulations on the registration of organic soil amendment producers and product.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the revised 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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