



**NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD**

Resolution No. 06  
Series of 2020

**RECOMMENDING THE APPROVAL OF THE GUIDELINES ON THE REGISTRATION OF ORGANIC BIO-CONTROL AGENT 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**, in 2011, the Department of Agriculture issued Administrative Order (AO) No. 14, Series of 2011 or the Guidelines on the Registration of Organic Food and Organic Input Producers to provide guidelines in the registration of inputs pertaining to plant protection, pest management products and bio-control agents;

**WHEREAS**, the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards of the Department of Agriculture (DA-BAFS) deemed it necessary to have specific guidelines for the registration of organic bio-control agents (OBCA) separate from the guidelines for the registration of organic soil amendments;

**WHEREAS**, a draft rules and regulations 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 55<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting on July 17, 2018;

**WHEREAS**, the NOAB issued Resolution No. 19, Series of 2018 to recommend the approval of the revised rules and regulations on the registration of organic bio-control agent 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 06, 2019, and endorsed the draft guidelines for review of the DA Legal Service on November 19, 2019;

**WHEREAS**, the DA-BAFS revised the draft rules and regulations based on the following output of the public consultative workshops and the legal review:

1. Emphasize the requirements prior application for registration - organic certificate and experimental use permit (EUP) for the conduct of efficacy trials;

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2. Provide the specific requirements for EUP, validity of EUP, label expansion and approval of efficacy trial terminal reports (ETP). Processing time for EUP application and approval of ETP is both within 15 Working Days (WD);
3. Provide the specific requirements for registration – Certificate of Registration (COR) for producers; and Certificate of Product Registration (CPR) for OBCA products. Processing time for both COR and CPR is within three (3) WD;
4. Provide validity of COR and CPR for 5 years. However, a provisional CPR with 1 year validity will be issued for those OBCA products with incomplete local efficacy data;

**WHEREAS**, the DA-BAFS presented the draft guidelines on the registration of organic bio-control agents producers and products 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 revised rules and regulations on the registration of organic bio-control agents 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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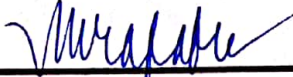
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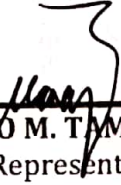
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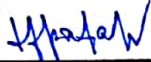


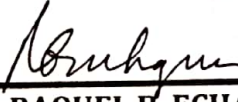
  
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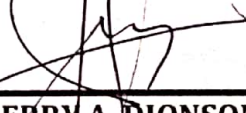
  
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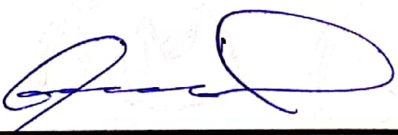
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