



NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD
Resolution No. 08
Series of 2020

RECOMMENDING THE ADOPTION GUIDELINES ON THE GRANTING OF INCENTIVE ALLOWANCE FOR THE AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION WORKERS (AEWS) IMPLEMENTING THE ORGANIC AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Section No. 05 of Republic Act No. 10068 otherwise known as the "Organic Agriculture Act of 2010" established the National Organic Agriculture Program (herein referred to as "NOAP" or "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 9 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the RA 10068 authorizes the National Organic Agriculture Board (NOAB) to call upon any government agencies to carry out and implement identified programs and projects;

WHEREAS, Section 14 of the IRR of RA 10068, the Local Government Units (LGU) shall serve as front liners in the implementation of the NOAP, and promulgate appropriate provincial and/or city/municipal ordinance or resolutions that would specify the participatory and bottom-up approach to grass root organic agricultural programs and projects and subsequently approve or adopt the Provincial, Municipal or City Organic Agriculture Program as a strategy in addressing concerns on food security, environment, health and wellness and poverty alleviation through their Sangguniang Bayan/Panlungsod/Panlalawigan and appropriating funds for the purpose;

WHEREAS, cognizant of the role of the LGU in the implementation of activities relative to the implementation of the NOAP provided under Section 14 of the Act, the Joint Memorandum Circular No. 02 of the DA and the DILG was issued in FY 2013 with the objective of providing clarification and promotion of the roles and responsibilities of the LGU in the implementation of the organic agriculture; and to encourage partnership and alliances among various government agencies;

WHEREAS, the LGU designated agricultural extension workers (AEW) to serve as focal persons on the implementation of the NOAP in the provincial and city/municipality level;

WHEREAS, to recognize the efforts, services rendered and unwavering support of the AEW to the implementation of the Organic Agriculture Act and achievement of the NOAP's envisioned goal, Department Order No. 12, Series of 2018 or the General Guidelines on the Granting of Incentive Allowance for the Agricultural Extension Workers Implementing the Organic Agriculture Program was issued.

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WHEREAS, after two years of implementation, DA Regional Field Offices recommended for the revision of the guidelines to address the issues and concerns in the actual implementation of the guidelines.

WHEREAS, the NOAB, during its Technical Committee Meeting on May 28, 2020, recommended the issuance of a resolution for the approval of the Revised Guidelines on the Granting of Incentive Allowance for the Agricultural Extension Workers Implementing the Organic Agriculture Program;

WHEREAS, the NOAB recommended harmonizing the guidelines with the Department of Agriculture issued memorandum entitled: *Guidelines on the Provision of Incentive Allowance to Local Government Units - Agricultural Extension Workers (LGU-AEWs)*.

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 Revised Guidelines on the Granting of Incentive Allowance for the Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) Implementing the Organic Agriculture Program.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the NOAP NPCO shall reiterate to DA Regional Field Offices to craft their own comprehensive guidelines in accordance to Section VI of the DA Memorandum.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that should this recommendation be adhered to, the NOAP-NPCO shall immediately endorse the guidelines to the DA Legal Service for review prior to the Office of the Secretary for the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture.

APPROVED by the following Members of the Board on June 24, 2020:

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