

Republic of the Philippines Department of Agriculture

NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD

BAFS Bldg., BPI Compound, Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City 1101 Philippines



NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD Resolution No. <u>15</u> Series of 2020

APPROVING THE AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF VALIDITY OF ORGANIC CERTIFICATES, CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION, AND CERTIFICATES OF PRODUCT REGISTRATION DURING PANDEMIC AND EXTRAORDINARY TIMES

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 Program;

WHEREAS, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has been affecting the operations of the government offices and businesses of organic stakeholders nationwide;

WHEREAS, work from home and skeletal work schemes are implemented by the Department of Agriculture in response to Republic Act No. 11469 or the Bayanihan to Heal as One Act in order to prevent further spread of disease and to ensure continuity of government services;

WHEREAS, modification and adjustment in the existing systems and procedures in government processes should be applied during pandemic and extraordinary times;

WHEREAS, cognizant of the global pandemic situation affecting the effective implementation of the provisions of the Act, the Honorable Board deemed it necessary to extend the validity of organic certificates, certificates of registration, and certificates of product registration up to twelve (12) months from the date of expiration;

WHEREAS, The Honorable Board has the power to promulgate rules and regulations and exercise other powers and functions as may be necessary for its effective operations and for the continued enhancement growth or development of organic agriculture as mandated by Section 9 of the Organic Agriculture Act of 2010;

NOW, THEREFORE, considering the foregoing, this Honorable Board, by virtue of the powers vested in it by RA 10068, has RESOLVED, as it hereby RESOLVES, to recommend the automatic extension of validity of organic certificates, certificates of registration, and certification of product registration up to twelve (12) months from the date of expiration during pandemic and extraordinary times.

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RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the Department of Agriculture - Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (DA-BAFS) shall develop a set of guidelines relative to instruction of the Honorable Board, subject to the review of the Legal Service of the Department of Agriculture.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that should this recommendations be adhered to, the DA-BAFS shall immediately endorse the guidelines to the Office of the Secretary for the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture.

APPROVED by the following Members of the NOAB on August 19, 2020:

USEC. ZAMZAMIN L. AMPATUAN

Alternate Chairperson Department of Agriculture (DA) Date signed: _

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MR. JERRY A. DIONSON
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