



NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD
Resolution No. 16
Series of 2020

DESIGNATING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES STANDARDS AS A GOVERNMENT ORGANIC CERTIFYING BODY IN THE ABSENCE OF OFFICIALLY ACCREDITED THIRD-PARTY ORGANIC CERTIFYING BODIES 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, Section 9 of the Organic Agriculture Act of 2010 states that the Honorable Board shall 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;

WHEREAS, Section 11 of the Organic Agriculture Act of 2010 mandates the Department of Agriculture - Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (DA-BAFS) to perform such other functions, duties and responsibilities as may be necessary to implement this Act and as directed by the Honorable Board;

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

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 designate the DA-BAFS as a government organic certifying body in the absence of officially accredited third party organic certifying bodies.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the 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.

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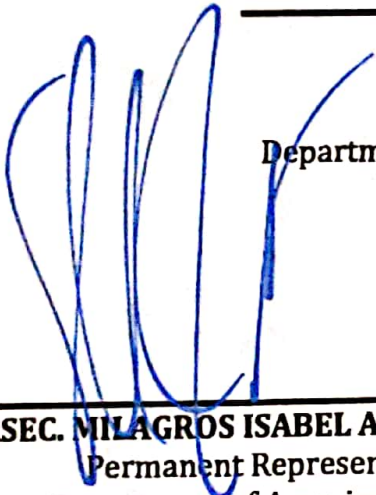


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