



NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD

Resolution No. 21

Series of 2020

REQUESTING THE POLICY RESEARCH SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO SPEARHEAD THE CRAFTING OF THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10068 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "ORGANIC AGRICULTURE ACT OF 2010"

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, the full realization of the goals of RA No. 10068 is hampered by several challenges in the implementation of the NOAP such as the limited support to production (e.g. lack or low access to organic inputs such as seeds, planting materials, organic bio-control agents, and organic soil amendments); insufficient program for the marketing of organic produce and products; low competencies in organic production of both program implementers (e.g. local government units and operating units) and producers; no provision on irrigation facilities; and limitation to recognize and allow other certification systems;

WHEREAS, in the furtherance of promoting and implementing the organic agriculture in the country, the RA No. 10068 has been amended to further intensify the implementation of NOAP, improve the regulatory capacity of relevant government agencies, strengthen the role of LGUs, and provide more options for small farmers in terms of organic certification;

WHEREAS, as the policy-making body, the NOAB deems it necessary to request the Policy Research Service of the Department of Agriculture (DA-PRS) to spearhead the drafting of the implementing rules and regulations (IRR) of the amendment to RA No. 10068.

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 request DA-PRS to spearhead the drafting of the IRR of the amendment of RA No. 10068 in collaboration with the National Program Coordinating Office of the NOAP (NOAP-NPCO), and the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (DA-BAFS).

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the drafting of the IRR shall be undertaken in due consultation with the stakeholders for the purposes of ownership, legitimacy,



transparency and accountability, and shall follow the principles of inclusivity and subsidiarity.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that all members of the NOAB, the Secretary of Agriculture, the NOAP – NPCO, DA-BAFS, and Office of the Undersecretary for Policy and Planning shall be furnished with copies of this resolution for guidance and appropriate action.

APPROVED by the following Members of the NOAB on October 14, 2020:

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