



NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD

Resolution No. 06
Series of 2024

**APPROVING THE GUIDELINES ON THE IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS
FOR THE NONCOMPLIANCES WITH THE ORGANIC AGRICULTURE - RELATED
PHILIPPINE NATIONAL STANDARDS (PNS) UNDER THE PARTICIPATORY
GUARANTEE SYSTEM (PGS)**

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act No. 10068 or the Organic Agriculture Act of 2010, as amended by Republic Act No. 11511, declares the policy of the State to promote, propagate, develop further, and implement the practice of organic agriculture in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Section 6 of R.A. 10068, as amended, created the National Organic Agriculture Board (NOAB) as the policy-making body that shall provide direction and general guidelines for the implementation of the National Organic Agriculture Program (NOAP);

WHEREAS, Section 14 of R.A. 10068, as amended, mandates the Department of Agriculture - Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (DA-BAFS) to provide guidelines for the certification of farms and accreditation of organic certifying bodies under the Participatory Guarantee System (PGS); Further, Section 14.e.1.viii mandates the DA-BAFS to take actions on defaults/noncompliances of certified PGS farms and accredited core PGS groups as per these guidelines;

WHEREAS, the DA-BAFS drafted the guidelines on the imposition of sanctions based on the noncompliances found during the monitoring of BAFS-certified core PGS group farmer-members and BAFS-accredited core PGS-groups to their certified farmer-members;

WHEREAS, the guidelines shall cover all farmer-members certified by the DA-BAFS and the accredited core PGS groups by the DA-BAFS;

WHEREAS, the guidelines shall be used in combination with DA Department Circular No. 2, series of 2022 (*Guidelines for the Operation of PGS as OCB*) and DA Department Circular No. 3, series of 2022 (*Guidelines for the Accreditation of Core PGS Groups as OCB*);

WHEREAS, the guidelines shall serve as a minimum requirement and that the DA-BAFS-accredited core PGS Group may set stricter sanctions for the noncompliances in the internal standards, as deemed appropriate;

WHEREAS, the NOAB Technical Working Group (TWG), during its 7 May 2024 meeting, discussed the guidelines on the imposition of sanctions for the noncompliances with the organic agriculture-related PNS under the PGS and agreed to endorse the same to the NOAB for approval;

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NOW, THEREFORE, this Board, by virtue of the power vested in it by R.A. 10068, as amended, has **RESOLVED**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to approve the draft guidelines (including its annexes) on the imposition of sanctions for the noncompliances with the organic agriculture-related PNS under the PGS;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the NOAB-TWG shall conduct a thorough review of the existing organic agriculture-related PNS and come up with a proposal for the PNS provisions applicable for the PGS small farmers for endorsement to and approval of the NOAB; that the DA-BAFS shall develop a technical regulation for the organic agriculture-related PNS for small farmers, as deemed necessary; and that the DA-BAFS shall amend Annex B of the "Guidelines on the Imposition of Sanctions for the Noncompliances with the Organic Agriculture-related PNS under the PGS based on the approved technical regulation."


RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Board Resolution and the draft guidelines, together with its annexes, be forwarded to the Secretary of Agriculture, through the DA-BAFS, for the issuance of the corresponding circular;

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of May 2024 in Leyte, Philippines by the following NOAB members present:

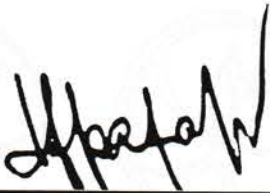
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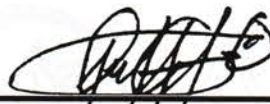
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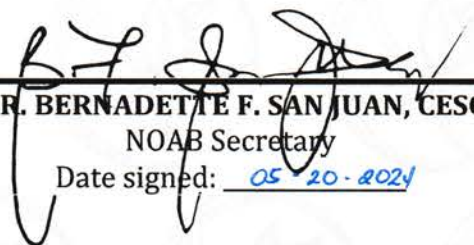
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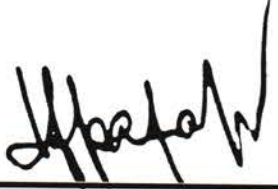
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