



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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MEMORANDUM

FOR : ALL REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS
DA-Regional Field Office I-XIII and CAR

FROM : THE SENIOR UNDERSECRETARY

SUBJECT : CERTIFICATE OF PRODUCT REGISTRATION (CPR) AS A MANDATORY BIDDING REQUIREMENT FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF ORGANIC SOIL AMENDMENTS AND ORGANIC BIOCONTROL AGENTS

This pertains to the recommendation of the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS) to make the Certificate of Product Registration (CPR) as a mandatory bidding requirement for the procurement of organic soil amendments and organic biocontrol agents.

The CPR is being issued by BAFS to certified organic input producers as an authorization for their product's commercial sale and distribution.

Relative to this, you are hereby instructed to include the said certificate as one of the mandatory bidding requirements for the procurement of organic soil amendments and organic biocontrol agents in your respective offices.

For your strict compliance

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March 29, 2023

ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARNEL V. DE MESA, CESO III
Assistant Secretary for Operations
Department of Agriculture
Diliman, Quezon City

Subject: **Request for Appropriate Administrative Issuance on the Certificate of Product Registration (CPR) Issued by the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS) as Mandatory Bidding Requirement for the Procurement of Organic Soil Amendments (OSA) and Organic Biocontrol Agents (OBCA) in the Department of Agriculture Regional Field Offices (DA RFO) and Banner Programs**

Dear **Assistant Secretary De Mesa:**

This refers to the DA efforts to promote organic agriculture in the Philippines in support to the current strategic thrust on boosting local production and raising farmer's and fisherfolk's income. In particular, organic agriculture contributes to reducing production costs through balanced fertilization that will reduce reliance on expensive imported farm inputs. On January 16, 2023, a Memorandum was issued by the OIC-Director of the Fields Operations Service (FOS), U-Nichols Manalo to the DA Regional Executive Directors (RED) on using less harmful chemicals. Covered in this advocacy is the use of OSA and OBCA in the production of primary and postharvest foods.

In this regard, the **BAFS** as the regulatory agency for organic agriculture, **requests that appropriate administrative issuance be drafted by your office addressed to the DA RFO and banner programs to require the CPR issued by the BAFS as a mandatory bidding requirement when procuring organic inputs (e.g., OSA and OBCA) as a matter of policy.** The CPR is issued by the BAFS to certified organic input producers as authorization for its product's commercial sale and distribution.

Per Section 18 of Republic Act (RA) No. 11511 or An Act Amending the Organic Agriculture Act (RA 10068) of 2010, "*Products that are certified and guaranteed by a third-party organic certification system and the PGS shall be allowed to be labeled and sold as*



organic." Thus, it is pertinent for a producer to have the product certified prior to claiming it as 'organic' on the label or for the seller to ensure that the product is accompanied by an organic certificate. As a guide, we provide herewith the following links and codes for the BAFS official list of registered organic input products:

Registered https://bafs.da.gov.ph/page/organic_osa

Organic Soil
Amendments
(OSA)



Registered https://bafs.da.gov.ph/page/organic_obca

Organic
Biocontrol
Agents (OBCA)



For further inquiries on this request, your staff may contact Mr. Charlie T. Palilio of the Organic Agriculture Division. He may be reached through telephone no. (02) 8928-8741-64 local 3304 or via email oars.bafs@gmail.com.

Thank you and we look forward to partnering with your office in promoting the use of certified and registered organic inputs.

Very truly yours,


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