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TO : ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
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SUBJECT : DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – BUREAU OF
AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES STANDARDS (DA-BAFS) –
DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR (DC) NO. 10, SERIES OF 2023
WITH THE SUBJECT: “RULES AND REGULATIONS ON THE
PRODUCT REGISTRATION OF ORGANIC SOIL
AMENDMENTS (OSA) AND ORGANIC BIO-CONTROL
AGENTS (OBCA)”

Pursuant to the implementation of Section 17 of Republic Act No. 10068, otherwise known as the Organic Agriculture Act of 2010 by the Department of Agriculture, attached for your reference is a copy of the abovementioned subject.

For records purposes, please confirm the dissemination of this circular throughout your offices within fifteen (15) days from receipt hereof.

For guidance and information.



BIENVENIDO Y. RUBIO
Commissioner

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Subject: **Notification of the Newly Approved DA Department Circular (DC) No. 10, Series of 2023, Rules and Regulation on the Product Registration of Organic Soil Amendments (OSA) and Organic Bio-Control Agents (OBCA)**

Dear **Commissioner Rubio**:

Pursuant to the implementation of Section 17 (*Registration of Organic Producers, Produce, Inputs and Organic Processed Food*) of the Organic Agriculture Act or Republic Act (RA) No. 10068, as amended by the RA No. 11511 (*An Act Amending RA No. 10068 or the Organic Agriculture Act of 2010*) and the BOC Customs Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 81-2023 (*Department of Agriculture - Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards - Recognition of Trade Regulatory Documents*) dated May 15, 2023, the DA-BAFS is providing your office with the newly approved rules and regulations on the Product Registration of OSA and OBCA. A copy of the DA DC is attached herewith as Annex A, for your information and reference.

The new Circular has the following salient points related to the importation or exportation of OSA and OBCA.

1. The term "**Clearance**" is used instead of "**Permit**" when referring to Organic Input Importation Permit (OIIP)/Organic Input Exportation Permit (OIEP). This terminology is consistent with the DA DC No. 06, series of 2023 (*Harmonizing the Terms and Streamlining of Requirements and Procedures for Authorization and Recognition under the Regulatory Jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture*). A copy of DA DC No. 6 s. 2023 is attached herewith as Annex B.

Per Section 4f of DA DC No. 6, series of 2023, **Clearance** refers to a permission embodied in the document, which is issued by a DA regulatory agency having jurisdiction to an authorized or recognize entity, for an activity or action to proceed

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after such has undergone necessary process and satisfied the requirements are prescribed under subsisting laws, rules and regulations.

2. The application for **Organic Input Importation Clearance/Organic Input Exportation Clearance (OIIC/OIEC)** shall be required for importation/exportation of registered OSA and OBCA, imported OSA and OBCA for organic certification purposes, and OBCA efficacy trials with DA-BAFS approved experimental use permit (EUP). The DA-BAFS OIIC/OIEC templates are attached as Annex C, for your information and reference.

The DA DC No. 10 s. 2023 said Circular repeals the following guidelines:

1. DA DC No. 04, series of 2020 (*Guidelines for the Registration of OSA Producers and Products*);
2. DA DC No. 05, series of 2020 (*Guidelines for the Registration of OBCA Producers and Products*); and
3. DA DC No. 01, series of 2021 (*Amending Relevant Provisions of the DC No. 05, Series of 2020 entitled "Guidelines for the Registration of OBCA Producers and Products"*)

For further clarifications, your staff may contact the Organic Agriculture Division - Registration Section. They may be reached by email at register.bafs@gmail.com or telephone (02) 8928-8741 to 64 local 3304.

Thank you for your support in ensuring that the trade of registered organic inputs is according to established regulations.

Very truly yours,


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SUBJECT: RULES AND REGULATIONS ON THE PRODUCT REGISTRATION OF ORGANIC SOIL AMENDMENTS (OSA) AND ORGANIC BIO-CONTROL AGENTS (OBCA)

Pursuant to Sections 12 [*Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS)*] and 17 [*Registration of Organic Producers, Produce, Inputs, and Organic Processed Food*] of the Organic Agriculture Act or Republic Act (RA) No. 10068, as amended by the RA No. 11511 [*An Act Amending RA No. 10068 or the Organic Agriculture Act of 2010*], this Department Circular (DC) on the Rules and Regulations on the Product Registration of OSA and OBCA is hereby issued.

**ARTICLE I
OBJECTIVES**

Section 1. This Circular aims to establish the rules, requirements, and procedures for the product registration of OSA and OBCA.

**ARTICLE II
SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS**

Section 1. This Circular covers the following requirements for importation, exportation, manufacturing, and distribution of OSA and OBCA products:

- 1.1. Experimental Use Permit (EUP) for product registration of OBCA, and for other purposes (Article V);
- 1.2. Certificate of Product Registration (CPR) for OSA and OBCA (New and Renewal) (Article VI);
- 1.3. Organic Input Importation or Exportation Clearance (Article VII);
- 1.4. Labeling of Registered OSA and OBCA products (Article VIII);
- 1.5. Suspension of CPR (Article IX);
- 1.6. Revocation of CPR (Article X);
- 1.7. Transfer of Product Registration (Article XI);
- 1.8. Transitory Provisions (Article XII); and
- 1.9. Confidentiality and Impartiality (Article XIII).

Section 2. This Circular also covers the application for product registration by organic input producers, including importers, exporters, manufacturers, and distributors.

Section 3. This Circular shall not cover the following, which are governed by separate DC:

- 3.1. Accreditation of Organic Certifying Bodies (OCB), both third-party and Participatory Guarantee Systems (PGS);
- 3.2. Registration of organic farms and input producers; and
- 3.3. Issuance of organic input importation or exportation clearance through the TradeNet.gov.ph.

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ARTICLE III
DEFINITION OF TERMS

- Section 1. For the purposes of this Circular, the following terms are defined as follows with references found in *Annex A*:
- 1.1. *Brand Name*- term, name, or trademark with logo which may or may not be registered in the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPHL), and used in connection with the OSA and OBCA products. The Department of Agriculture - Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (DA-BAFS) reserves the right to approve and disapprove product brand name, in consultation and coordination with the IPOPHL (DA, 2020, *modified*)
 - 1.2. *CPR* - a written approval granted by DA-BAFS to registered OSA and OBCA products (DA, 2020, *modified*)
 - 1.3. *Efficacy Trial Protocol (ETP)* - research design specifying the introduction, objectives, materials and methods, cultural management practices, data to be gathered, and statistical analysis tool (DA, 2020)
 - 1.4. *Emergency-use* - use of an unregistered product in emergency cases such as pest and disease outbreaks [DA-Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (DA-FPA, 2020)].
 - 1.5. *End-user* - commercial plantations, research institutions, or companies that use registered OSA and OBCA products directly for their consumption and/or trial purposes (DA-FPA, 2019, *modified*)
 - 1.6. *EUP* - permit that an applicant shall apply with DA-BAFS prior to the conduct of efficacy trials for the product registration of OBCA, and for other purposes. (DA, 2015, *modified*)
 - 1.7. *OBCA* - organisms and their associated metabolites as well as naturally occurring substances that control pests and diseases. These are classified as botanicals, microbials, macrobials, and semiochemicals (RA 10068, as amended by RA 11511, 2020)
 - 1.8. *OCB* - legal entity accredited by a government agency to perform inspection and certification activities. It is responsible for verifying that a product sold or labeled as 'organic' is produced, processed, prepared, or handled according to relevant guidelines (RA 10068, as amended by RA 11511, 2020)
 - 1.9. *Off-label* - use of a registered organic input product on crops and pests/diseases, other than indicated on the label in emergency cases such as pest and disease outbreaks (DA-FPA, 2020, *modified*)
 - 1.10. *Organic* - particular farming and processing system, described in the standards and not in the classical chemical sense. The term "organic" is synonymous in other languages to "biological" or "ecological". It is also a labeling term that denotes products considered organic based on the Philippine National Standards (PNS) for Organic Agriculture (RA 10068, as amended by RA 11511, 2020)
 - 1.11. *Organic Certificate (OC)/Participatory OC* - documentary proof that a producer/produce/input is compliant with the requirements, standards and

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norms of organic farming/agriculture issued by a DA-BAFS accredited OCB, and hereinafter referred to as "Organic Certificate or OC" (DA, 2022)

- 1.12. *Organic input producer* - business enterprise that is engaged in the importation, exportation, manufacturing, and distribution of OSA and OBCA products; and issued with an OC by the DA-BAFS accredited OCB (DA, 2022, *modified*)
- 1.13. *OSA* - all the products within the scope of the PNS, i.e, organic fertilizers, compost/soil conditioner, microbial inoculants, and organic plant supplements that are added to the soil to improve its physical properties (RA 10068, as amended by RA 11511, 2020)
- 1.14. *Primary registrant* - registered organic input producer who has initially registered a particular OSA or OBCA product prior to entering a third-party authorization (DA-FPA, 2019, *modified*)
- 1.15. *Product Registration* - authorization embodied in a document granted by a DA regulatory agency to a person for a product, after evaluation and approval process as required by existing laws, rules and regulations, prior to manufacturer, importation, exportation, sale, offer for sale, distribution, transfer, and where applicable, direct use, testing, promotion, advertisement, and for sponsorship. This term shall be differentiated from the term, "Registration", to denote product approval (DA, 2023)
- 1.16. *Third-Party Authorization (TPA)* - agreement or contract between two companies (the primary registrant and the party who receives the TPA) for the purposes of product rebranding giving the latter an authorization to import, export, and distribute OSA and/or OBCA products (DA-FPA, 2019, *modified*)

ARTICLE IV
GENERAL PROVISIONS

- Section 1. OC issued by the DA-BAFS accredited OCB shall be a prerequisite for the product registration of OSA and OBCA.
- Section 2. For product registration of OBCA, additional prerequisite shall be the DA-BAFS approved two efficacy data for a particular crop-pest(s) combination. Product efficacy data shall be generated from efficacy trials with approved EUP.
- Section 3. For product registration of OBCA, all efficacy claims shall be covered and supported with the DA-BAFS approved efficacy data.
- Section 4. For product registration of OSA, efficacy trials shall not be required and efficacy claims shall not be covered by this Circular.
- Section 5. Only the DA-BAFS registered OSA and OBCA products shall be authorized for importation, exportation, manufacture, and distribution.
- Section 6. All DA-BAFS registered OSA and OBCA products shall not carry a dual registration with the DA-FPA. The DA-BAFS regulates the registration of the organic input products, while the DA-FPA regulates the registration of inorganic (synthetic/chemical-based) input products.

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- Section 7. Primary registrant shall be authorized to label different product brand names for a particular OSA or OBCA product under one product registration, as long as each brand name is supported by an OC. However, product rebranding with an OC under TPA shall be applied with a separate product registration.
- Section 8. A primary registrant of an OSA or OBCA product shall be authorized to enter into a maximum of 10 TPA. However, organic input producers who are direct recipients of such TPA shall not be authorized to enter into another TPA.
- Section 9. All DA-BAFS registered OSA and OBCA products shall be subjected to monitoring and evaluation to determine continued compliance with the requirements of this Circular.
- Section 10. The renewal of product registration of OSA and OBCA shall be applied prior to its expiration.

ARTICLE V
EUP FOR PRODUCT REGISTRATION OF OBCA, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

The EUP shall be secured before the conduct of efficacy trials for the product registration of OBCA, and for other purposes such as product research and development, emergency-use, and off-label.

- Section 1. **Application for EUP**
 - 1.1. EUP for Product Registration of OBCA
 - 1.1.1. The applicant shall submit the following requirements to DA-BAFS, through its Organic Agriculture Division - Registration Section (OAD-RS):
 - 1.1.1.1. Duly accomplished application form, with authorized name and signature; and
 - 1.1.1.2. ETP matrix, following the *DA-BAFS Manual: Requirements and Procedures for the Conduct of Efficacy Trials for OBCA Products*, prepared by the DA-BAFS officially-accredited OBCA researcher.
 - 1.1.2. The DA-BAFS shall only receive and process the application with a complete set of documents.
 - 1.1.3. Upon compliance with the set requirements, the DA-BAFS shall grant EUP to the applicant within seven working days. Failure of DA-BAFS to act on the EUP application duly submitted with complete supporting documents within the prescribed time frame, shall cause such application to be deemed approved.
 - 1.2. EUP for Other Purposes
 - 1.2.1. The applicant shall submit the following requirements to DA-BAFS, through its OAD-RS:
 - 1.2.1.1. Duly accomplished application form, with authorized name and signature;
 - 1.2.1.2. ETP matrix prepared by the researcher, not limited to the DA-BAFS officially-accredited OBCA researchers; and

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1.2.1.3. Technical documents (e.g., pest and disease outbreak data, terms and agreements, and other relevant information).

1.2.2. The DA-BAFS shall only receive and process the application with a complete set of documents.

1.3. The EUP shall be valid for one year.

1.4. For the EUP issued for other purposes, the efficacy data shall not be used as a prerequisite for product registration of OBCA.

Section 2. Conduct of the Efficacy Trial

2.1. The applicant shall notify the DA-BAFS of the efficacy trial activities, and any changes thereof.

2.2. The conduct of efficacy trials shall be in accordance with the approved EUP and ETP.

2.3. The DA-BAFS shall conduct field compliance assessment of on-going efficacy trials to verify continued compliance with the approved EUP and ETP. Non-compliance of the efficacy trial with the approved EUP and ETP may result in non-acceptance of the efficacy trial terminal report (ETTR).

Section 3. Submission and Evaluation of ETTR for Product Registration of OBCA

3.1. The applicant shall submit the ETTR to DA-BAFS, through its OAD-RS, within one year upon expiration of the EUP.

3.2. The DA-BAFS shall provide the evaluation results to the applicant within seven working days upon receipt of the ETTR.

3.3. Any of the following efficacy results shall be acceptable:

3.3.1. At least 40% efficacy against untreated control; and

3.3.2. Comparable with the positive control based on statistical analysis.

Section 4. The details for the procedure and processing time for EUP and ETTR are found in *Annex B*.

**ARTICLE VI
CPR FOR OSA AND OBCA (NEW AND RENEWAL)**

Section 1. The applicant shall submit the following requirements to DA-BAFS, through its OAD-RS:

1.1. Duly accomplished application form, with authorized name and signature;

1.2. OC issued by the DA-BAFS accredited OCB;

1.3. Product label;

1.4. Product packaging of different sizes;

1.5. List of authorized importers, exporters, manufacturers, distributors, and/or end-users, as applicable;

1.6. Additional requirement for imported OSA and OBCA products: distributorship agreement between the mother company and importing business enterprise; and

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- 1.7. Additional requirement for product rebranding: TPA. The template is found in *Annex C*.
- Section 2. Requirements 1.3 to 1.7 in Section 1 of Article VI shall not be required for renewal unless there are significant changes.
- Section 3. The DA-BAFS shall only receive and process the application with a complete set of documents.
- Section 4. Upon compliance with the set requirements, the DA-BAFS shall grant CPR to the applicant within three working days. Failure of DA-BAFS to act on the CPR application, duly submitted with complete supporting documents within the prescribed time frame, shall cause such application to be deemed approved.
- Section 5. The CPR shall be valid from its approval until the expiration of OC, subject to monitoring by the DA-BAFS. The CPR template appears in *Annex D*.
- Section 6. The organic input producers shall notify the DA-BAFS of any changes related to their CPR (e.g., organic input producer information; brand names; product label and packaging; list of authorized importers, exporters, distributors, and end-users; and warehouse and storage facilities).
- Section 7. The details for the procedure and processing time for CPR are found in *Annex E*.

ARTICLE VII
ORGANIC INPUT IMPORTATION OR EXPORTATION CLEARANCE

- Section 1. The application for the organic input importation or exportation clearance shall be required for the importation or exportation of registered OSA and OBCA products.
- Section 2. The application for organic input importation clearance shall be required for imported OSA and OBCA for organic certification purposes, and OBCA efficacy trials with DA-BAFS approved EUP.
- Section 3. The applicant shall submit the following requirements to DA-BAFS, through its OAD-RS, as may be applicable:
 - 3.1. Duly accomplished application form, with authorized name and signature;
 - 3.2. Bill of Lading;
 - 3.3. Sales Invoice;
 - 3.4. Packing List;
 - 3.5. Additional requirement for microbial-based OSA and OBCA products: Quarantine Certificate from the country of origin; and
 - 3.6. Additional requirement for OSA and OBCA products to be imported for organic certification purposes: Certification from DA-BAFS accredited OCB stating on-going application for organic certification.
- Section 4. The DA-BAFS shall only receive and process the application with a complete set of documents.
- Section 5. The issuance of organic input importation or exportation clearance shall be per shipment basis, and shall be valid for 60 days from the date of approval.

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- Section 6. For OBCA efficacy trial purposes, only applicants with DA-BAFS approved EUP shall be allowed to import OBCA products. The volume of OBCA products shall be based on the approved EUP. The contingency may be allowed up to four times the volume needed per EUP.
- Section 7. For organic certification purposes, the volume of OSA and OBCA products to be imported shall be based on the requirement of DA-BAFS accredited OCB. The contingency may be allowed up to four times the volume needed per organic certification.
- Section 8. Upon compliance with the set requirements, the DA-BAFS shall grant the organic input importation or exportation clearance to the applicant within three working days. Failure of DA-BAFS to act on the application duly submitted with complete supporting documents within the prescribed time frame, shall cause such application to be deemed approved.
- Section 9. The details for the procedure and processing time for organic input importation or exportation clearance are found in *Annex F*.

**ARTICLE VIII
LABELING OF REGISTERED OSA AND OBCA PRODUCTS**

- Section 1. The label of registered OSA and OBCA products shall contain the following minimum information:
 - 1.1. Brand Name;
 - 1.2. Product type (i.e., OSA or OBCA);
 - 1.3. Company name, address, and contact number;
 - 1.4. Date manufactured;
 - 1.5. Net content;
 - 1.6. Lot/Batch number;
 - 1.7. CPR number;
 - 1.8. CPR expiration date;
 - 1.9. Name, logo or seal, and accreditation number of the DA-BAFS accredited OCB;
 - 1.10. "Certified Organic Philippines" or "Guaranteed Organic Philippines" mark, whichever is applicable, provided by the DA-BAFS accredited OCB; and
 - 1.11. Additional information for OBCA product labels: DA-BAFS approved target crops and pests, dosages, and methods of application.
- Section 2. Organization logos of DA-BAFS and DA-National Organic Agriculture Program shall not be used on the DA-BAFS registered OSA and OBCA product labels, technical specifications and promotional materials.

**ARTICLE IX
SUSPENSION OF CPR**

- Section 1. Suspension of CPR shall be imposed based on any of the following grounds:
 - 1.1. If correction and corrective action for monitoring findings are not satisfactorily implemented within the agreed time;
 - 1.2. Suspension of OC by the DA-BAFS accredited OCB; and
 - 1.3. Existing product registration with the DA-FPA.

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- Section 2. The DA-BAFS shall issue the Notice of Suspension of CPR to the organic input producer. The notice shall generally contain the following:
 - 2.1. Reason(s) for suspension;
 - 2.2. Suspension period; and
 - 2.3. Notification that the organic input producer with suspended CPR has the right to pursue an appeal for reconsideration.
- Section 3. The suspension shall be effective immediately upon proof of receipt of notice of suspension from the registered organic input producer.
- Section 4. OSA or OBCA products with suspended CPR shall be prohibited from distribution.
- Section 5. The DA-BAFS shall issue a public advisory on the suspension of CPR through appropriate communication platforms.
- Section 6. The suspension shall be effective for a maximum of six months and shall be lifted as soon as the grounds for suspension have been resolved.

ARTICLE X
REVOCATION OF CPR

- Section 1. The CPR shall be revoked based on any of the following grounds:
 - 1.1. Revocation of OC by the DA-BAFS accredited OCB;
 - 1.2. Failure to resolve the declared suspension within the suspension period;
 - 1.3. Distribution of suspended OSA and OBCA products; and
 - 1.4. Voluntary revocation of CPR.
- Section 2. The DA-BAFS shall issue the Notice of Revocation of CPR to the organic input producer. The notice shall generally contain the following:
 - 2.1. Reason(s) for revocation; and
 - 2.2. Notification that the organic input producer with revoked CPR has the right to pursue an appeal for reconsideration.
- Section 3. OSA or OBCA products with revoked CPR shall be prohibited from distribution.
- Section 4. The DA-BAFS shall issue a public advisory on the revocation of the CPR through appropriate communication platforms.

ARTICLE XI
TRANSFER OF PRODUCT REGISTRATION

- Section 1. The registered organic input producer may transfer its product registration to another input producer, subject to the applicable requirements and procedure as specified under Article VI of this Circular.
- Section 2. Input producers with product registration from DA-FPA, may transfer their registration with DA-BAFS, using approved efficacy data endorsed by DA-FPA, and subject to the applicable requirements and procedure as specified under Article VI of this Circular.

- Section 3. The registered organic input producer with CPR from DA-BAFS may transfer its product registration to DA-FPA within the CPR validity, subject to the requirements and procedure of DA-FPA. The registered organic input producer shall notify the DA-BAFS prior to the transfer of product registration.

**ARTICLE XII
TRANSITORY PROVISIONS**

- Section 1. Organic input producers may resubmit OBCA ETTR evaluated by DA-BAFS prior to the approval of this Circular, for re-evaluation. The OBCA ETTR may be accepted by DA-BAFS subject to applicable provisions of this Circular.
- Section 2. All OBCA products with approved EUP prior to the approval of this Circular shall continue to be valid until expiry unless revoked by the DA-BAFS.
- Section 3. All OSA and OBCA products that are registered with the DA-BAFS prior to the approval of this Circular shall continue to be valid until expiry unless revoked by the DA-BAFS.

**ARTICLE XIII
CONFIDENTIALITY AND IMPARTIALITY**

- Section 1. Personnel involved in the product registration of OSA and OBCA shall adhere to the principles of confidentiality and impartiality.
- Section 2. The DA-BAFS shall comply with the rights and obligations laid down in the RA No. 10173 or the Data Privacy Act of 2012, and other relevant laws and issuances of the National Privacy Commission.

**ARTICLE XIV
ANNEXES**

The Annexes, or any part thereof, referred to in this Circular is deemed an integral part of this Circular.

**ARTICLE XV
SEPARABILITY CLAUSE**

If any provision of this Circular is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

**ARTICLE XVI
REPEALING CLAUSE**

DC No. 04, series of 2020 (*Guidelines for the Registration of OSA Producers and Products*), DC No. 05, series of 2020, (*Guidelines for the Registration of OBCA Producers and Products*), DC No. 01, series of 2021 (*Amending Relevant Provisions of the DC No. 05, Series of 2020 entitled "Guidelines for the Registration of OBCA Producers and Products"*) and all prior issuances, rules, regulations, or part thereof, which are inconsistent with this Circular, are hereby repealed accordingly.

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**ARTICLE XVII
EFFECTIVITY**

This Circular shall take effect after 15 days following the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or a newspaper of general circulation, and its filing with the National Administrative Register of the University of the Philippines Law Center.

Done this 23rd day of November 2023.


FRANCISCO TIU LAUREL JR.
Secretary



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ANNEX A
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					the DA-BAFS within one year, upon expiration of the EUP. Only ETTR generated through EUP for product registration of OBCA shall be submitted to the DA-BAFS.
6	Evaluation of ETTR	DA-BAFS, OAD-RS	N/A	Within 7 working days upon receipt	The DA-BAFS shall provide the evaluation report to the applicant.

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ANNEX C
TPA Template

THIRD-PARTY AUTHORIZATION (TPA) AGREEMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENT

This is to certify that [Company Name of the Primary registrant and Address] a company duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, has duly authorized [Name of TPA recipient and address], a company organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, to use the registration data submitted by our company in order to register their product under their own brand.

Brand name of the Primary Registered Product _____
Product Registration Number _____
Validity _____
TPA Recipient's Brand Name _____
*Number Sequence _____

**Only indicate if the above-mentioned company given with the TPA is number 1, 2, 3 - If distributor of the product*

In WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto affixed our signature this ____ day of _____ (year) at _____, Philippines.

This agreement shall remain in effect until (date of expiration) _____.

Signature over Printed Name
(Authorized Company Representative)
(Company Name of the Primary Registrant)

Signature over Printed Name
(Authorized Company Representative)
(Company Name of the TPA Recipient)

Republic of the Philippines
Province of _____
Municipality of _____

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this ____ day of ____ year ____ at _____, Philippines. Affiant exhibited to me his/her Residence Certificate No _____ issued on _____ at _____.

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Book No. _____
Series of _____

Notary Public
Until _____
PTR No. _____

ANNEX D
Template for CPR

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CERTIFICATE OF PRODUCT REGISTRATION

This certificate is issued to

Brand Name
(include "Active Ingredient" as applicable)

This certificate is being issued pursuant to D.A. Department Circular No. ##, Series of YYYY, and shall be valid until MM/DD/YYYY unless revoked by this Bureau.

Product Type : Organic Soil Amendment/Organic Biocontrol Agent
Name of Producer : Company Name
Product Registration Number : LP/IP-01/02-000
Date of Issue : MM/DD/YYYY

See attached Annex for other relevant details

Director's name with signature
Director IV

QR Code

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Annex to CPR No. _____
Recommended Use for OBCA Products Only

Brand Name (Active Ingredient) is recommended for use in:

Crop	Pest or Disease	Percent Efficacy	Dosages and Method of Application	Date Approved

Note: Percent efficacy only applies to those OBCA products with 49.44% and below.

List of Authorized Business Enterprises and/or TPA Recipients

Company Name and Address	Nature of Business	Rebrand Name (for TPA Recipient)

XX

Director's name with signature
Director IV

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards of the Department of Agriculture (DA-BAFS) issued this Certificate of Product Registration (CPR) to this OSA or OBCA product pursuant to DA Department Circular No. 00, Series of YYYY, subject to the terms and conditions below:

- 1. The DA-BAFS shall suspend this CPR based on any of the following grounds:
 - a) If correction and corrective action for monitoring findings are not satisfactorily implemented, and
 - b) Product registration with the DA-FPA.
- 2. The DA-BAFS shall revoke this CPR based on any of the following grounds:
 - a) Revoked OC.
 - b) Non-resolution of monitoring findings during the suspension within the prescribed time.
 - c) Continued DA-FPA product registration after the suspension.
 - d) Importing, exporting, manufacturing, and/or distribution of OSA and OBCA products during the suspension, and
 - e) Voluntary revocation of their CPR.
- 3. Labeling of registered OSA or OBCA product(s):
 - a) Only OSA and OBCA products that are registered with DA-BAFS shall be labeled as "organic", and accompanied by the name, logo or seal, and accreditation number of the DA-BAFS accredited OCB.
 - b) OSA and OBCA products shall also contain the "Philippine Organic Mark" or "Philippine PGS Guaranteed Organic Mark", as may be applicable.
 - c) For OBCA products, only DA-BAFS approved target crops and pests, percent efficacy, dosages, and methods of application shall be indicated on the product label.
 - d) In addition to the labeling requirements of the applicable PNS for OSA and OBCA, the CPR number, validity, and product category shall appear on the product label of registered OSA and OBCA products.
- 4. The validity of the CPR shall follow the validity of the OC issued by the DA-BAFS accredited OCB.
- 5. The renewal of product registration of OSA and OBCA shall be applied prior to its expiration.
- 6. The original CPR shall be returned to DA-BAFS after its expiration or once it has been renewed, amended or revoked.

I have read and understood the Terms and Conditions herein set forth and I enter this agreement voluntarily with my consent. I hereunto affix my signature with full pledge of its legal effect.

(Signature over printed name of the
Owner/ Authorized Representative)

(Date)

ANNEX E
Procedure and processing time for CPR

Step	Activity	By	To	Processing Time	Remarks
1	Application for CPR	Applicant	DA-BAFS, OAD-RS	Within 2 working hours	Only applications with complete documentary and technical requirements shall be accepted.
2	Evaluation of CPR requirements	DA-BAFS, OAD-RS	N/A	Within 2.5 working days upon receipt	DA-BAFS shall issue CPR to applicants upon compliance with the set requirements.
3	Issuance of CPR	DA-BAFS-OAD-RS	Applicant	Within 2 working hours	Registered OSA and OBCA products shall be included in the DA-BAFS list of registered organic input products..

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**ANNEX F
Procedure and processing time for the organic input importation
and exportation clearance**

Step	Activity	By	To	Processing Time	Remarks
1	Application for Organic Input Importation or Exportation Clearance	Applicant	DA-BAFS, OAD-RS	Within 2 working hours	Only applications with complete requirements shall be accepted.
2	Evaluation of Organic Input Importation or Exportation Clearance	DA-BAFS, OAD-RS	N/A	Within 2.5 working days upon receipt	DA-BAFS shall issue organic input importation and exportation clearance to applicants upon compliance with the set requirements.
3	Issuance of Organic Input Importation or Exportation Clearance	DA-BAFS, OAD-RS	Applicant	Within 2 working hours	The issuance of organic input importation or exportation clearance shall be per shipment basis, and shall be valid for 60 days from the date of approval.