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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**SUBJECT : REVOCATION OF THE OFFICIAL ACCREDITATION OF NEGROS ISLAND CERTIFICATION SERVICES, INC. (NICERT)**

In line with the results of the monitoring of the BAFS to Negros Island Certification Services, Inc. (NICERT) last 19 January 2021, 26 February 2021, 23 April 2021, and 18 June 2021, NICERT failed to fulfill the requirements for compliance to official accreditation, as verified through assessment of BAFS and incurred the grounds for revocation, in line with the Article XII of D.C. No. 01, Series of 2018.

The National Committee for Official Accreditation of Organic Certifying Bodies (NCOA-OCB), through Resolution No. 01, Series of 2021, resolved to revoke the official accreditation of NICERT for all its scopes. The revocation shall be effective and executory immediately upon receipt of the notification issued by BAFS to NICERT.

With the revoked official accreditation, NICERT's services relevant to inspection and certification for organic agriculture shall no longer be recognized, and any products certified hereafter are not allowed to be labelled as organic. All clients of NICERT with valid certification after effectivity of the revocation, shall remain valid until its expiry.

Anent to this, the NICERT has the right to pursue an appeal for reconsideration through formal written request and has the right to re-apply for accreditation with the BAFS.

  
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