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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**SUBJECT : APPROVAL OF THE NEW PHILIPPINE NATIONAL STANDARD (PNS)  
ON ORGANIC CROP PRODUCTION, POSTHARVEST, AND PROCESSING  
— CODE OF PRACTICE**


The Philippine National Standard (PNS) on Organic Crop Production, Post-harvest, and Processing—Code of Practice (PNS/BAFS 337:2022) was approved on **18 October 2022**.

Armed with the aim to align the PNS with the ASEAN Standard for Organic Agriculture (ASOA), the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS) initiated the revision of sections on crop production, postharvest and processing of the PNS/BAFS 07:2016 (Organic Agriculture) and update it based on industry practices to facilitate trade of organic produce and products.

Based on Department Circular No. 01, Series of 2018 and DC No. 03, Series of 2022, the PNS relevant to organic agriculture shall have a one-year transition period upon approval of a new PNS. **The transition period for PNS/BAFS 337:2022 shall be from 18 October 2022 to 17 October 2023.**

The provisions relevant to organic crop production, post-harvest, and processing stipulated in PNS/BAFS 07:2016 (Organic Agriculture) shall remain valid and effective during the transition period. Thereafter, the PNS/BAFS 337:2022 cancels all the provisions related to crop production, postharvest, and processing under PNS/BAFS 07:2016. Provisions of PNS/BAFS 07:2016 not related to organic crop production, post-harvest, and processing remain valid unless otherwise revoked.

For more information and reference, a copy of the PNS/BAFS 337:2022 is available for download at [www.bafs.da.gov.ph](http://www.bafs.da.gov.ph).

  
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