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PUBLIC NOTICE

SUBJECT : EFFECTIVITY OF THE APPROVED DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. 05, SERIES OF 2022 – UNIFIED SET OF RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE REGISTRATION OF ORGANIC PRODUCERS, PRODUCE AND INPUTS

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The Department Circular No. 05, Series of 2022, otherwise known as the *Unified Set of Rules and Regulations for the Registration of Organic Producers, Produce and inputs* has been approved on June 9, 2022. Following its publication in Tempo on October 27, 2022 (Thursday), **the Circular will take effect on November 12, 2022 (Saturday) and serve as the basis for the registration of organic producers, produce and inputs.**

Salient points of the Circular are the following:

1. It mandates the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS), Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI), Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), and Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) to come up with a single unified set of rules and regulations for organic agriculture registration requirement;
2. It will establish and maintain an online registry database – *Organic Agriculture Registry System (OARS)* – that will serve as the official registry of organic producers, produce and inputs in the Philippines that the BAFS-accredited Organic Certifying Bodies (OCBs) have certified to be compliant with the Philippine National Standards (PNS); and
3. It re-engineers and removes the application process, which entails costs and time for applicants in applying for registration. This means that organic producers, produce and inputs will be automatically registered after the certification process and enrolment by the BAFS-accredited OCBs to the OARS.

For your information and reference, a copy of the Circular is available for download at www.bafs.da.gov.ph.


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