



DEPARTMENT ORDER

No. 09
Series of 2023

SUBJECT: INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF MECHANISM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AND STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATIONS ON, PESTICIDE MAXIMUM RESIDUE LIMITS (MRL)

Pursuant to Section 16 (Specific Responsibilities of the DA) of Republic Act (RA) No. 10611 (Food Safety Act of 2013) on the development and enforcement of food safety standards and regulations, this Department Order (DO) prescribing the delineation of functions of FPA, BPI, and BAFS on pesticide MRL development and regulation is hereby issued.

**ARTICLE I
OBJECTIVE**

Section 1. This Order aims to institutionalize the mechanism for the establishment, development of Philippine National Standards (PNS), and regulations on pesticide MRL to protect the health of consumers and facilitate trade. More specifically, this Order shall:

- 1.1 clarify the mandates of FPA, BPI, and BAFS per Presidential Decree (PD) No. 1144 series of 1977 (Creating the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority and Abolishing the Fertilizer and Industry Authority) and RA No. 10611 on pesticide MRL establishment, standards development, and regulations;
- 1.2 strengthen the scientific basis to support the development of PNS on pesticide MRL; and
- 1.3 provide logical sequence and delineation of roles and responsibilities on the establishment of pesticide MRL, development of PNS on pesticide MRL, and the subsequent adoption of PNS on pesticide MRL as technical regulations.

**ARTICLE II
DELINEATION OF FUNCTIONS ON PESTICIDE MRL ESTABLISHMENT**

Section 2. The functions of FPA, BPI, and BAFS related to pesticide MRL shall be delineated as follows:

2.1 Evaluation and Registration - FPA

FPA shall

- a. Evaluate applications for pesticide registration, including the conduct of bioefficacy and collection of supervised residue trial data.



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- b. Register the MRL for a pesticide-commodity combination after evaluation.
- c. Provide the pesticide residue data package to BAFS relevant to the development of PNS.

2.2 **Development of PNS - BAFS**

BAFS shall:

- a. Request from FPA the list of registered MRL for pesticide-commodity combination.
- b. Request from FPA the pesticide residue data package.
- c. Develop PNS on pesticide MRL based on the list of registered MRL for pesticide-commodity.
- d. Promote the PNS on pesticide MRL through the development of knowledge products and conduct of learning and development activities.
- e. Publish PNS on pesticide MRL in appropriate platforms and notify relevant agencies.

2.3 **Implement/Enforcement of PNS - BPI**

BPI shall:

- a. Adopt the promulgated PNS on pesticide MRL as the basis for its technical regulations.
- b. Establish sequence of compliance to pesticide MRL.
- c. Conduct regular monitoring of pesticide MRL based on the technical regulations.

ARTICLE III SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

If any part or provision of this Order is held invalid, other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

ARTICLE IV REPEALING CLAUSE

All other Circulars, Orders, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Order's provisions are hereby repealed, amended, modified, or superseded accordingly.



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ARTICLE V
EFFECTIVITY

This Order shall take effect immediately and upon registration with the Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR) and remain in force until revoked or amended.

Done this 18th day of July 2023.

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