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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**

**FOR :** WILLIAM D. DAR  
 Secretary

**FROM :** OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

**SUBJECT :** REQUEST FOR APPROVAL AND ENDORSEMENT OF FINAL DRAFT OF PHILIPPINE NATIONAL STANDARD (PNS) FOR MAXIMUM RESIDUE LIMITS (MRLs) OF PESTICIDE RESIDUES IN MILLED RICE

**DATE :** November 17, 2020

The DA-Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS) has revised the Philippine National Standard (PNS) for Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) of Pesticide in Rice (PNS/BAFS 162:2015) to adopt the list of approved MRLs for milled rice under the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority. Pesticide residue MRLs databases of Codex Alimentarius Commission, ASEAN, and trading partners were also referred to in the development of this standard. A total number of 76 MRLs per active ingredient was adopted for milled rice.

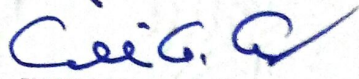
The said standard was reviewed through a series of meetings and presented to a public information forum conducted in NCR with attendance from various stakeholders of the government, private sector, academe, and NGO.

As a concluding step for standards development, we are submitting the final draft standard for your approval and consequent endorsement to the Bureau of Philippine Standards (BPS) for appropriate numbering and inclusion in the PNS repository. The final draft PNS is attached herewith as Annex A.

For your perusal.

  
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**APPROVED/DISAPPROVED:**

  
**WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D**  
 Secretary

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