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**DA-BAFS ADVISORY**  
No. 2023-04-001

**TO : ORGANIC BIO-CONTROL AGENTS (OBCA) PRODUCERS**

**SUBJECT : CLARIFICATION ON THE TOXICITY DATA AS A REQUIREMENT FOR THE PRODUCT REGISTRATION OF OBCA**

Sections 12 and 17 of the Republic Act No. 11511, otherwise known as "An Act Amending Organic Agriculture Act of 2010", mandated the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards - Department of Agriculture (DA) on the issuance of product registration of OBCA. Consequently, the DA Department Circular (DC) No. 01, series of 2021, *Amending Relevant Provisions of the DC No. 05, series of 2020 entitled "Guidelines on the Registration of OBCA Producers and Products"*. This regulation requires toxicity data of the OBCA for product registration.

In order to streamline the registration requirements of OBCA products, specifically for toxicity data requirements (per Section 3.5, Article VIII of the amended DC No. 05, series of 2020), you are advised that the BAFS-DA shall accept the submission of **toxicity data for multiple OBCA products**, provided that the following conditions shall be met:

1. The tested OBCA product of the submitted toxicity data and the other OBCA product(s) being applied for registration have the same active ingredient(s);
2. The tested OBCA product of the submitted toxicity data contains a higher % concentration of active ingredient(s) than the other OBCA product(s) being applied for registration; and
3. The tested OBCA product of the submitted toxicity data and the other OBCA product(s) being applied for registration are manufactured by the same company.

For further inquiries relevant to the information provided, you may reach us at (02) 928 – 8741 to 64 local 3304 or email us at [oars.bafs@gmail.com](mailto:oars.bafs@gmail.com).

Dissemination of this advisory to all concerned is hereby requested.

  
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