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TO : THE GENERAL PUBLIC
ORGANIC INPUT PRODUCERS
CERTIFIED ORGANIC BIO-CONTROL AGENTS (OBCA)
RESEARCHERS

FROM : OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT : EFFECTIVITY OF THE APPROVED DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR (DC) NO. 10, SERIES OF 2023 – RULES AND REGULATIONS ON THE PRODUCT REGISTRATION OF ORGANIC SOIL AMENDMENTS (OSA) AND OBCA

The Department Circular No. 10, series of 2023, otherwise known as the *Rules and Regulations for the Product Registration of OSA and OBCA* was approved on November 23, 2023. Following its publication in Pilipino Star Ngayon on December 15, 2023 (Friday), **the Circular will take effect on December 31, 2023 (Sunday). It will serve as the basis for the application, processing, and issuance of an Experimental Use Permit (EUP), organic input importation/exportation clearance, and Certificate of Product Registration (CPR).**

The salient points of the Circular are the following:

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General Provision	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. All DA-BAFS registered OSA and OBCA products shall not carry a dual registration with the DA-Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA).2. The DA-BAFS regulates the registration of the organic input products, while the DA-FPA regulates the registration of inorganic (synthetic/chemical-based) input products.3. Primary registrant shall be authorized to label different product brand names for a particular OSA or OBCA product under one product registration, as long as each brand name is supported by an organic



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	<p>certificate (OC). However, product rebranding with an OC under Third-party Authorization (TPA) shall be applied with a separate product registration.</p> <p>4. A primary registrant of an OSA or OBCA product shall be authorized to enter into a maximum of 10 TPA.</p>
<p>Experimental Use Permit (EUP) for OBCA product registration, and for other purposes</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The DA-BAFS considers the application for EUP for other purposes, such as product research and development, emergency-use, and off-label. 2. The requirements, such as product profile, list of raw materials, product process, and Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) shall not be required for EUP. 3. The EUP shall be valid for one year. 4. The processing time for the evaluation of the efficacy trial terminal report is reduced from 15 working days to seven working days, in compliance with the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) policy. 5. Any of the efficacy results shall be acceptable: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. At least 40% efficacy against untreated control; and b. Comparable with the positive control based on statistical analysis.
<p>Certificate of Product Registration (CPR) for OSA and OBCA (New and Renewal)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The requirements, such as: a) list of raw materials, b) product profile, c) process flowchart, and d) toxicity data shall not be required for CPR. <i>These requirements will continue to be checked by the DA-BAFS accredited Organic Certifying Bodies (OCB) during their organic certification process.</i> 2. The publication of the efficacy trial terminal report shall not be required. The DA-BAFS evaluation of the efficacy trial terminal report is sufficient to validate the results vis-à-vis product efficacy claims. 3. The CPR shall be valid from its approval until the expiration of OC, subject to monitoring to be conducted by DA-BAFS.

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Organic Input Importation or Exportation Clearance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> In lieu of “permit” the term “clearance” is used, consistent with the DC No. 6, series of 2023, Harmonization of Terms and Streamlining of Requirements and Procedures for Authorization and Recognition under the Regulatory Jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture. Per Section 4f of DC No. 6, series of 2023, Clearance refers to a <i>permission embodied in the document, which is issued by a DA regulatory agency having jurisdiction to an authorized or recognize entity, for an activity or action to proceed after such has undergone necessary process and satisfied the requirements are prescribed under subsisting laws, rules and regulations.</i> The application for organic input importation clearance shall be required for imported OSA and OBCA for organic certification purposes, and OBCA efficacy trials with DA-BAFS approved EUP.

For information and reference, a copy of the said Circular is available for download at www.bafs.da.gov.ph or scan the QR Code below.

Dissemination of this advisory to all concerned is hereby requested.


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