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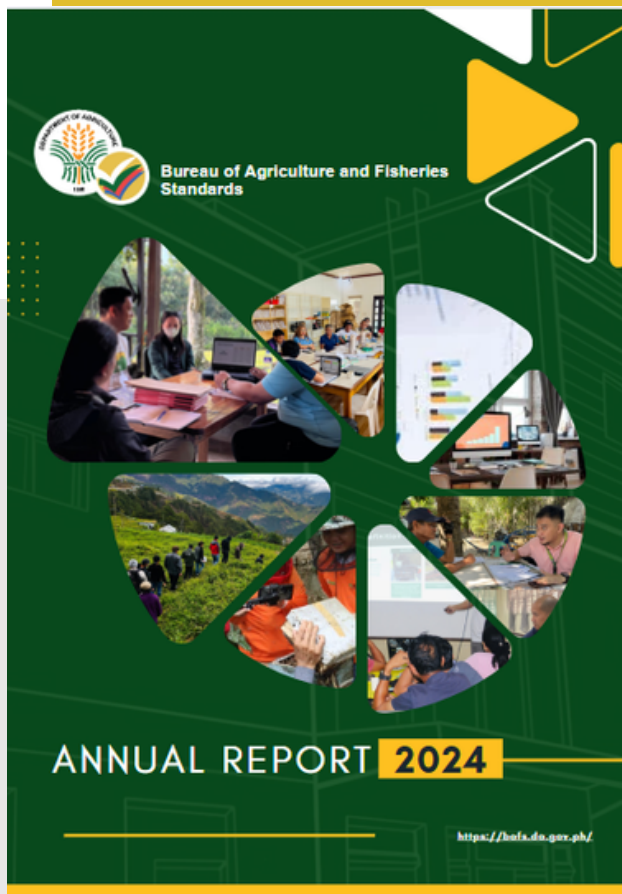
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# About the cover



The DA-BAFS 2024 Annual Report cover is visually appealing with a collage of six diverse images in a circular formation in the center. The images appear to depict diverse activities and situations that are relevant to the activities of the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards.

The images seem to showcase a mix of indoor and outdoor settings, potentially highlighting the diverse range of DA-BAFS's operations. There are images of people working together in what might be a meeting or training session, and other images showing people in field settings that could be related to agriculture or fisheries.

The general color palette of the cover employs shades of green, yellow, and white, thereby providing a fresh and clean look. The green color may represent growth and sustainability, terms which are widely applied in agriculture and fisheries.

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# MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

**FRANCISCO P. TIU  
LAUREL, JR**

*Secretary of the Department of Agriculture*

It is with immense gratitude that I present the Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards. The organization is at the forefront of our mission to modernize the agriculture and fisheries sectors through the diligent implementation of Philippine National Standards.

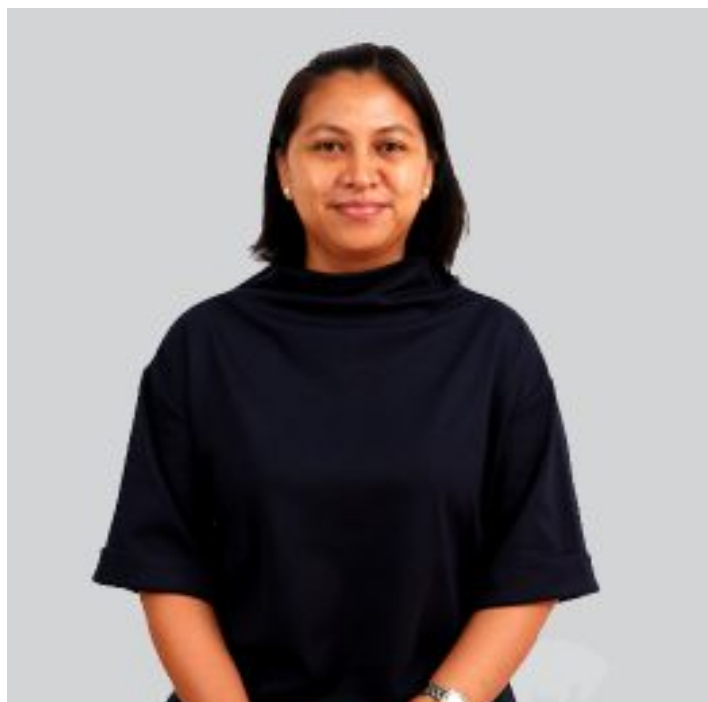
We remain steadfast in our belief that adherence to these standards will enable the mechanization and modernization of our production systems, while at the same time enhancing our post-harvest infrastructures. More than the maintenance of best practices, these standards also contain the minimum requirements of making our Industry competitive in the global market. The recommended practices of the PNS are essential in strengthening our post-harvest systems, thus guaranteeing the quality of Philippine agricultural and fishery products throughout the value chain, from farm to table. By adhering to these standards, we aim to minimize losses, increase marketability, and maximize product value.

Moreover, I am pleased to highlight the working collaboration between the BAFS and our regulatory bodies in establishing science-based regulations. The PNS is the main foundation for these regulatory actions, thereby allowing us to balance innovation with important elements such as food safety, environmental protection, and public health. Through the establishment of minimum requirements, we ensure that we maintain the quality and integrity that characterize our agriculture and fishery sectors.

I express my sincerest appreciation to our stakeholders, partners, and dedicated DA-BAFS team for their unwavering support. Together, we are building a future where agriculture and fisheries thrive, ultimately serving the greater good of all Filipinos.



# MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



**MARY GRACE R. MANDIGMA, PFT**  
Officer-In-Charge, Director

I would like to express my highest appreciation to our committed DA-BAFS team, our accountable stakeholders, and our partners whose support has always been unwavering. Together, we are constructing the future where our agriculture and fishery industries thrive, thereby enhancing the prosperity of our nation. ###

It is with pride that I present the 2024 Annual Report of the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (DA-BAFS). This report is a reflection of our unrelenting dedication to changing the agriculture and fisheries sector through the use of Philippine National Standards (PNS).

We were tasked in 2024 with crafting and enforcing standards that not only ensure best practices, but also contribute to global competitiveness. Our efforts have been focused on enhancing the production system and improving post-harvest facilities, which will ultimately benefit Filipino farmers and fisherfolk.

We have further enhanced our coordination with DA Regulatory Agencies to ensure that our standards are science-driven to enhance food safety, promote environmental sustainability, and ensure consumer health.





# BUREAU OVERVIEW

The Department of Agriculture – Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (DA-BAFS), created through Republic Act 8435 (Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act of 1997), is mandated to develop and promote standards to ensure the quality, safety, and global competitiveness of Philippine agriculture and fishery products (including halal and organic agriculture) and machinery through science-based approaches and consistent with international obligations and commitments.

The DA-BAFS' mandate under AFMA was further strengthened and expanded by Republic Act 10068 (Organic Agriculture Act) (as amended by Republic Act 11511), Republic Act 10601 (Agriculture and Fisheries Mechanization or AFMech Law), Republic Act 10611 (Food Safety Act of 2013), and Republic Act 10817 (Philippine Halal Export Development and Promotion Act of 2016). Additional regulatory functions of the DA-BAFS in relation to organic agriculture were provided under RA 11511, particularly on the issuance of certification to core PGS farmer-members and accreditation of the Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) groups.

The DA-BAFS established its Logical Framework covering 2023-2028. This is in support of the implementation of the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2023-2028, particularly Chapter 3 (Reduce Vulnerabilities and Protect Purchasing Power), Outcome 2 (Access of Consumers to Affordable, Safe, and Nutritious Food Expanded) and Chapter 5 (Modernize Agriculture and Agribusiness), Outcome 2 (Access to Markets and Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery-Based Expanded). The BAFS Logical Framework 2023-2028 was further revised in 2024 to align with the Department of Agriculture's cross-cutting strategy on "Proper Balancing of Both the Developmental and Regulatory Roles of the DA". The recent and updated DA-BAFS Logical Framework will steer and guide the DA-BAFS technical divisions, namely, (1) Standards Research Division (SRD), (2) Standards Development Division (SDD), (3) Technical Services Division (TSD), and (4) Organic Agriculture Division (OAD) in developing and implementing programs/activities/projects (P/A/P) that will contribute to the overall goals of the Bureau on ensuring consumer health and safety and global competitiveness of agriculture and fishery products and machinery.

Since 2003, DA-BAFS has developed 394 Philippine National Standards (PNS) relative to the agriculture and fishery sector covering the following: crops (food and non-food), livestock and poultry, fish and fishery, machinery, organic agriculture, and halal. These PNS serve as the basis for the competent authorities to develop and implement their technical regulations, create Knowledge Products (KP), and conduct learning and development (L&D) activities.

## VISION

By 2025, the BAFS envisions to be the trusted agency for the development of agricultural and fishery and machinery standards within ASEAN, and in the enforcement of the agriculture regulations

## MISSION

The BAFS commits to develop and promote agricultural and fishery and machinery standards, and enforce organic agriculture regulations ensuring customers' safety and product quality, contributing to environmental protection, worker's welfare and enhanced market access

## QUALITY POLICY

"The Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS) of the Department of Agriculture (DA) commits to develop and implement standards that will ensure food safety and quality, workers' safety and welfare, environmental management, and global competitiveness of Philippine agricultural and fishery products and machinery.

We commit to good governance, excellence, professionalism, and continual improvement of the quality management system."



**In 2024, we achieved significant milestones: Developing 35 Philippine National Standards, exceeding targets for organic certifications, and rigorously monitoring agriculture facilities**

# 1. Development and Harmonization of PNS with Regional and International Standards



## DA-BAFS developed 35 PNS

related to crops (food and non-food), Agriculture and Fishery (AF) machinery, livestock and poultry, and fisheries, and general food standards.

In terms of food safety-related PNS, 20 were developed.

This is equivalent to

# 175%

of the annual target for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024.

Table 1 shows the summary of physical accomplishment vis-à-vis targets on PNS development and harmonization of PNS with regional and international standards at the Major Final Output (MFO) Level. From January to December 2024, the DA-BAFS developed 35 PNS related to crops (food and non-food), Agriculture and Fishery (AF) machinery, livestock and poultry, and fisheries, and general food standards. This is equivalent to 175% of the annual target for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024. In terms of food safety-related PNS, 20 were developed which is 200% of the Bureau's annual commitment under the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN). The complete list of PNS is attached as Annex A.

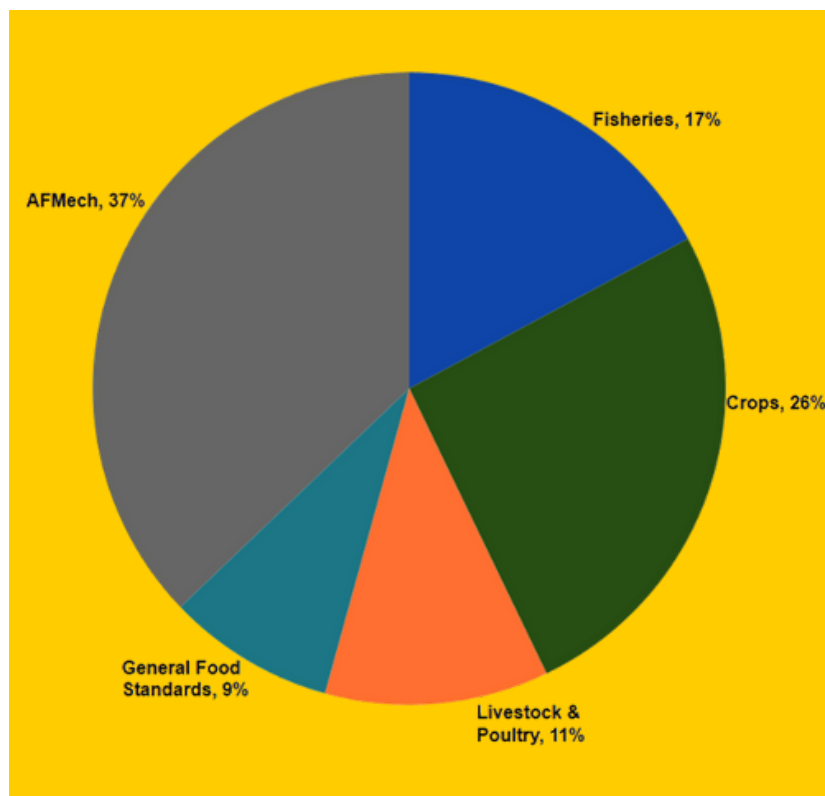
Description	Performance Indicator	Annual Target	Annual Accomplishment
PNS for agriculture and fishery products and AF machinery	Number of approved PNS	20	35 (175%)
PNS aligned/ harmonized with regional and international standards	Harmonized PNS with regional and international standards	4	4 (100%)
	Number of harmonization/ alignment reports submitted	10	10 (100%)

Table 1. Actual vis-à-vis target physical accomplishments on PNS development for FY 2024

# THE MAJORITY OF THE PNS DEVELOPED FOR FY 2024

Figure 1 shows the breakdown of the PNS developed per category. The majority of the PNS developed for FY 2024 is on AFMech (37%), followed by crops (26%), fisheries (17%), livestock & poultry (11%), and general food standards (9%).

In terms of harmonization of PNS with applicable Codex and ASEAN standards, currently, there are 161 Codex standards applicable to the DA, of which 91 (56.52%) have equivalent PNS. Similarly, 83 ASEAN standards are applicable to the DA, with 69 (83.13%) having equivalent PNS. As the mandated agency to develop PNS for fresh and primary fish and fishery products, the DA-BAFS is committed to harmonize the PNS with (or have equivalent PNS to) applicable regional and international standards.



**Figure 1.**

*PNS developed from January to December 2024, per category*

161 Codex standards



91 applicable to the DA,  
**(56.52%)**  
equivalent PNS.

83 ASEAN standards



69 applicable to the DA,  
**(83.13%)**  
equivalent PNS.



The harmonization rate is determined based on the title and scope of the PNS and the applicable Codex/ASEAN standards.

Specifically, the breakdown per commodity group of international and regional standards with PNS equivalent is presented in the table below.

**Table 2.** Number of PNS harmonized with international and regional standards

<b>Codex Standards</b>			
Commodity Group	No. of Codex Standards Applicable to DA	No. of Codex Standards with Equivalent PNS	Harmonization Rate (based on title and scope)
Crops	62	51	82.26%
General Food	68	18	26.47%
Fisheries	13	12	92.31%
Livestock and Poultry	16	8	50%
Halal	1	1	100%
Organic	1	1	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>56.52%</b>
<b>ASEAN Standards</b>			
Commodity Group	No. of ASEAN Standards Applicable to DA	No. of ASEAN Standards with Equivalent PNS	Harmonization Rate (based on title and scope)
Crops	69	58	84.06%
General Food	5	2	40%
Fisheries	1	1	100%
Livestock and Poultry	7	6	85.71%
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>83.13%</b>

To assess the degree of alignment comprehensively, the DA-BAFS Standards Development Division (SDD) conducts harmonization assessments following its Standardization Guide (SG) No. 3, which outlines the methodology for evaluating the harmonization of PNS with regional and international standards. Generally, if the harmonization rating is at least 70%, the referred standards shall be considered harmonized and retained, unless deemed necessary by other factors to be revised. The DA-BAFS produced ten relevant assessment reports, equivalent to 100% of the annual target for FY 2024. Out of the ten PNS covered by the assessment report, five were recommended to be retained and five were recommended to be amended, according to the harmonization assessment results.

Those recommended for amendment will be considered in the finalization of priority list of PNS to be developed in the succeeding years. The full list of the reports is shown in Annex B.

The harmonization of national standards is consistent with the international obligations and commitments of the Philippines under the World Trade Organization (WTO) Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) and Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Agreement. Further, the ASEAN integration for food, agriculture, and forestry commits the AMS to develop and harmonize national and regional standards and guidelines with significant trade impacts/potentials. Similarly, Section 9 of Republic Act 10611 (Food Safety Act of 2013) mandated the Department of Agriculture (DA) and the Department of Health (DOH) to establish standards based on science, risk analysis, standards of other countries, and Codex, where these exist and are applicable.



## 2. Organic Agriculture Regulations

Exceeding targets for organic certifications, and rigorously monitoring agriculture facilities.

**Table 2**

shows the summary of physical accomplishments vis-à-vis targets related to organic agriculture (OA) regulations at the MFO level. For FY 2024, DA-BAFS issued 121 certificates, achieving 101% of their annual target. DA-BAFS also issued 58 permits equivalent to 177% of their annual target. For registration, DA-BAFS issued 101 regulatory documents which is equivalent to 306% of their annual target. For monitoring and inspection, DA-BAFS was able to monitor 56 agriculture facilities and 12 agriculture products which is equivalent to 329% and 100% of their annual targets respectively.

**Table 3.** Actual vis-à-vis target physical accomplishments on OA regulations for FY 2024

Description	Performance Indicator	Annual Target	Annual Accomplishment
Issuance of Regulatory Document	Certificate issued	120	121 (101%)
	Permits Issued	33	58 (177%)
	Registration Issued	33	101 (306%)
Monitoring and Inspection	Agriculture facilities monitored and/or inspected with reports issued	17	56 (329%)
	Agriculture products monitored and/or inspected with reports issued	12	12 (100%)





## 2.1 Accreditation of Organic Certifying Bodies (OCB)

### A. Accreditation of Third-Party OCB

For FY 2024, there are two accredited third-party OCB in the Philippines. These are as follows: (1) Control Union Philippines, Inc. (CUPI) and (2) OCCP - Inspection and Certification Services, Inc. (ICSI). One certificate was issued for CY 2024 with the renewal of the accreditation certificate of CUPI.

### B. Certification of Core PGS Group Farmer-members

For FY 2024, DA-BAFS has accredited a total of 26 core PGS groups as OCB, 21 of which are newly accredited core PGS groups, and five core PGS groups issued with continuing compliance. The accredited core PGS groups are from Ilocos Region (1), Cagayan Valley (2), Central Luzon (1), CALABARZON (2), MiMaRoPa (3),

Bicol Region (1), Western Visayas (2), Central Visayas (1), Eastern Visayas (4), Zamboanga Peninsula (1), Davao Region (1), SOCCSKSARGEN (1), and Caraga Region (1), Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) (5). The complete list is found in Annex C.

### C. Accreditation of Core Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) Groups as OCB

For FY 2024, DA-BAFS has certified a total of 94 new core PGS group farmer-members. The certified core PGS group farmer-members are from CAR (10), Ilocos Region (1), Cagayan Valley (5), Central Luzon (11), MiMaRoPa (11), Bicol Region (5), Western Visayas (5), Central Visayas (10), Eastern Visayas (5), Zamboanga Peninsula (10), Davao (10), SOCCSKSARGEN (5), and CARAGA (6). The complete list of certified farms under PGS is found in Annex D.



## 2.2 Issuance of Organic Agriculture-Related Clearances

For FY 2024, DA-BAFS has issued a total of 58 Organic Input Importation Clearances (OIIC) consisting of 41 Organic Soil Amendment (OSA), and 17 Organic Bio-Control Agents (OBCA). The total organic input products imported to the Philippines for the whole year are 202,510.00 in liters and 1,396,424.38 in kilograms. Table 4 indicates the breakdown of the OIIC in terms of volume (liters and kg) of organic inputs based on the type of organic input.

**Table 4.** Total volume of imported organic inputs

Type of Organic Input	Volume (in liters)	Volume (in kg)	Total (in kg)
OSA	64,160.00	1,392,725.00	1,456,885.00
OBCA	138,350.00	3,699.38	142,049.38
Total	202,510.00	1,396,424.38	1,598,934.38
OSA	64,160.00	1,392,725.00	1,456,885.00
OBCA	138,350.00	3,699.38	142,049.38



## 2.3 Issuance of Organic Agriculture Registration Certificates

For FY 2024, DA-BAFS has issued a total of 101 registration certificates for Integrated Organic Farms (IOF), OSA, and OBCA with the following breakdown of the registration certificates issued for IOF, and OSA: 65 Certificate of Registration (COR) and 36 Certificate of Product Registration (CPR).

## 2.4 Monitoring of Organic Agriculture Facilities

For FY 2024, DA-BAFS has monitored a total of 56 organic facilities and verified their continued compliance with the relevant PNS and technical regulations. These organic agriculture facilities cover farms with the following production systems: 25 crops, three livestock and poultry, three mushrooms, and 25 integrated (i.e., a combination of multiple scopes/production systems). The list of monitored organic agriculture facilities is found in Annex E.

## 2.5 Monitoring of Organic Agriculture Products

For FY 2024, DA-BAFS has monitored a total of 12 organic agriculture products that were verified for their continued compliance with the relevant PNS and technical regulations. These organic products cover OSA and OBCA. The list of monitored organic agriculture products is found in Annex F.

## 2.6 Provision of Technical Assistance to Organic Agriculture Stakeholders

For FY 2024, the DA-BAFS has conducted a total of 17 technical assistance initiatives, 10 of which are Pre-inspection activities and seven are supervised certification assistance for Accredited PGS-OCB. These efforts aim to strengthen the capacity of core PGS groups and support their compliance with various OA standards and regulations. The detailed list of assisted PGS groups can be found in Annex G.



# Physical Accomplishments on OA regulations for FY 2024



# 3. Promotion of PNS through Knowledge Products and Learning and Development (L&D) Activities



Table 5 shows the summary of physical accomplishment vis-à-vis targets related to PNS promotion at the MFO level. For FY 2024, the Bureau promoted 30 new PNS which is equivalent to 120% of their annual target. The standards were promoted through the conduct of L&D activities (e.g., webinars and physical seminars) and the development of Knowledge Products (KP). The details of the PNS-related KP are found in Annex H and details of the L&D activities are found in Annex I.

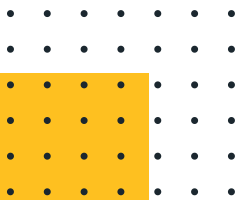
**Table 5.** Actual vis-à-vis target physical accomplishments on PNS promotion

Description	Performance Indicator	Annual Target	Annual Accomplishment
PNS promoted through the Development of Knowledge Products and the Conduct of Learning and Development (L&D) activities	Number of PNS promoted	25	30 (120%)

*\*Note: The DA-BAFS TSD targets to promote a new set of PNS annually. PNS that have been promoted in the previous year are not reported in the current year as an accomplishment.*



# 4. Research to Support PNS Development



## Science behind the standards

Scientific and technical information about food safety, quality standards, hygiene practices, guidelines, and health risks associated with specific hazards in agricultural and fishery products is vital in ensuring robust Philippine National Standards



## Mastering the Digital Craft

For FY 2024, DA-BAFS was able to produce 17 scientific reports, which is equivalent to 74% of their annual target. Of the 17 reports, 5 risk profile reports were completed to provide information related to the risks associated with the consumption of food (i.e., herbs and spices, meat, algae, crustaceans) that are potentially contaminated with heavy metals such as lead and arsenic and the available control measures. The remaining 12 reports were comparative studies covering codes of practices, good aquaculture practices, and grading and classifications of various commodities (i.e., rabbit meat, durian, oyster mushroom). The details of the scientific reports are found in Annex J.

**Table 6.** Actual vis-à-vis target physical accomplishments on PNS-related research

Description	Performance Indicator	Annual Target	Annual Accomplishment
PNS-related Scientific Reports	No. of PNS-related Scientific Reports Approved	23	17 (74%)



# 5. Standards Policy Recommendation

## **a** Recommendations/position papers submitted related to the adoption of PNS in technical regulations, draft Free Trade Agreements (FTA), and proposed legislations

In support of the Department's cross-cutting strategy on "Proper Balancing of Both the Developmental and Regulatory Roles of the DA", the DA-BAFS crafted a total of 22 position papers and policy recommendations. These policy recommendations cover DA Memorandum Orders, Executive Orders, House Bills, Senate Bills, and Joint Administrative Orders. Major policy recommendations cover regulatory impact assessment, harmonization of terms, and consistency with internationally accepted definitions and existing laws or regulations. The details of these policy recommendations are found in Annex K.



## **b** Baseline Assessment of the Reach, Usefulness, and Use of Food Safety-Related Philippine National Standards (PNS)

A baseline assessment was conducted to examine the extent/degree of the reach, usefulness, and use of the food safety-related PNS in relation to its contribution to the goals of consumer safety and global competitiveness. Data collection included both quantitative methods using a survey questionnaire, and qualitative approach through focus group discussion (FGD), to provide a more comprehensive and nuanced understanding of the various uses and potential impacts of the PNS which can be both objective and subjective based on context. Technical personnel from the eight DA-Food Safety Regulatory Agencies (FSRAs) participated in the baseline assessment. The assessment findings are currently undergoing validation, and a draft paper is in progress, with plans for subsequent publication.



## List of PNS Developed for FY 2024

No	Type	Name of PNS	PNS Number	Description
1	Product Standard	Young Coconut - Product Standard - Grading and Classification	65:2024	This Standard applies to fresh young coconut harvested from commercial varieties of <i>Cocos nucifera</i> L. of the Arecaceae family directly intended for human consumption and may be for further processing. This standard does not apply to mature coconut and makapuno.
2	Guidelines	After-Sales Service - Guidelines	192:2024	This Standard guidelines on after-sales service for agricultural fishery machinery
3	Code of Practice	Live and Raw Bivalve Molluscs - Code of Practice	236:2024	This Code applies to the sourcing, preparation, handling, chilling and freezing, packaging, and storage and transport of live and raw bivalve molluscs that are intended for human consumption or further processing.
4	Code of Practice	Fresh Chilled and Frozen Scallop Products - Code of Practice	279:2024	This Code applies to scallop products defined in PNS/BAFS 240:2024 (Fresh, Chilled, and Frozen Raw Scallop Products - Product Standard) and covers harvesting through land-based processing operations.
5	Product Standards	Fresh Chilled and Frozen Scallop Products -Product Standard	240:2024	<p>This PNS covers food safety and quality specifications applicable to species of scallop of the Family Pectinidae in the following product categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. “Fresh, chilled, or frozen meat”, which is the scallop adductor muscle meat; and</li> <li>2. “Fresh, chilled, or frozen roe-on scallop meat”, which is the scallop adductor muscle meat and attached roe (half shell or without shell)</li> </ol> <p>Products covered by this Standard may be intended for direct consumption for further processing.</p>
6	Product Standards	Mangoes - Product Standard - Grading and Classification	13:2024	This Standard applies to commercial varieties of mangoes grown from <i>Mangifera indica</i> L. of the Anacardiaceae family to be supplied fresh to the consumer, after postharvest handling and packaging. Mangoes for industrial processing are excluded. The provisions of this Standard cover food safety and quality requirements and nutritional composition of mangoes.

No	Type	Name of PNS	PNS Number	Description
7	Product Standards	Chives - Product Standard - Maximum Residue Limits (MRL) of Pesticides	377:2024	This Standard covers the maximum residue limits (MRL) of pesticides applicable for commercial varieties of chives grown from <i>Allium schoenoprasum</i> L. of the Amaryllidaceae family as listed in the Codex Subgroup 009B, Green Onions.
8	Product Standards	Sweet and Chili Peppers - Product Standard - MRL of Pesticides	378:2024	This Standard covers the maximum residue limits (MRL) of pesticides established for commercial varieties of sweet (e.g., bell pepper) and chili peppers grown from <i>Capsicum annuum</i> (L.) of the Solanaceae family.
9	Product Standards	Edible Offals of Swine - Product Standard - Specification	261:2024	The Standard covers fresh, chilled, or frozen edible offals of swine-origin intended for markets, direct human consumption, or for further processing. The provisions of this Standard include product specifications, food safety and quality requirements, and nutritional composition of edible offals of swine.
10	Guidelines	Performance Monitoring of a National Food Control System — Guidelines	379:2024	<p>This document describes a logical framework of planning, monitoring, and system review steps for performance monitoring of a National Food Control System (NFCS) and establishes a common understanding of performance monitoring principles, terminology, and best practices.</p> <p>This guidance focuses on planning steps within the performance monitoring framework that establish a foundation for assessing the effectiveness of the NFCS and for facilitating continuous improvement as appropriate.</p> <p>The framework in this document may be used by competent authorities to implement monitoring and system review or incorporate this approach to make existing processes more robust.</p> <p>These guidelines were adopted from CXG 91-2017 (Principles and guidelines for monitoring the performance of national food control systems) with some modifications to consider the conditions in the Philippines.</p>
11	Guidelines	Design and Implementation of Regulatory Food Safety Assurance Programs Associated with the	380:2024	This Standard provides principles and guidance for competent authority on the design and implementation of national, including local, and trade-related food safety assurance programs for residues of veterinary drugs in primary and post-harvest foods

No	Type	Name of PNS	PNS Number	Description
		Use of Veterinary Drugs in Food Producing Animals — Guidelines		<p>These commodities (i.e., primary and postharvest foods) are also referred to as “food” in this document.</p> <p>The current and future annexes to this Standard may provide further refinement of guidance on issues that may be relevant to the control and verification programs for products from certain species. These annexes shall be read in conjunction with the principles outlined in this Standard.</p>
12	Product Standard	Brown Rice — Product Standard — Grading and Classification	381:2024	<p>This Standard applies to Brown Rice from traditional and modern rice varieties of <i>Oryza sativa</i> L. of the Poaceae family to be supplied for human consumption, after postharvest handling and packaging. Brown Rice of non-pigmented, pigmented, aromatic, japonica-type, and micronutrient-dense rice varieties are included but Brown Rice for industrial processing and glutinous rice varieties are excluded. The provisions of this Standard cover food safety and quality requirements and nutritional composition of Brown rice.</p>
13	Product Standards	Fresh Chilled and Fresh Frozen Raw Tuna — Product Standard	137:2024	<p>This Standard applies to fresh chilled and fresh frozen raw tuna of Scombridae family, for direct human consumption or further processing. The provisions of this Standard cover food safety and quality requirements of tuna. Tuna products could be obtained from, but not limited to, the commercial species listed in Annex A (Tuna species in the Philippines).</p>
14	Product Standards	Fresh Chilled and Fresh Frozen Small Pelagic Finfishes — Product Standard	205:2024	<p>This Standard applies to fresh chilled and fresh frozen small pelagic finfishes intended for further processing and/ or direct human consumption. The provisions of this Standard cover food safety and quality requirements of small pelagic finfishes. Small pelagic finfishes consist of, but not limited to, the commercial species listed in Annex A (Small pelagic finfish species in the Philippines).</p>
15	Product Standards	Fresh Chilled and Fresh Frozen Siganid — Product Standard	237:2024	<p>This standard applies to cultured or wild-caught siganid (Rabbitfish) species of the Siganidae family prepared and/or marketed fresh chilled or fresh frozen, intended for further processing and/or direct human consumption. The provisions of this Standard cover food safety and quality requirements of siganid. Siganid consists of, but is not limited to, the commercial species listed in Annex A (Siganid [Rabbitfishes] species in the Philippines).</p>



No	Type	Name of PNS	PNS Number	Description
16	Code of Practice	Organic Livestock and Poultry Feeds — Code of Practice (COP)	382:2024	This Standard establishes the recommended practices for the production and formulation of organic feeds and other feed products for livestock and poultry, either farm-made or commercial, to ensure organic integrity.
17	Code of Practice	Organic Ruminants — Code of Practice	383:2024	This Standard establishes the recommended practices for organic production of ruminants (including raw milk) to cover transporting, slaughtering, fabricating, milking practices, packaging, and labeling of organic produce to ensure organic integrity.
18	Product Standards	Packaged Primary and Postharvest Foods — Product Standard — General Labeling Standard	384:2024	<p>This Standard sets the minimum labeling requirements appropriate for primary and postharvest foods made up in advance in retail or non-retail containers also referred to as packaged foods. It also covers labeling of primary and postharvest foods that have undergone specific handling such as organic production and irradiation. These commodities (i.e., primary and postharvest foods including those that have undergone specific handling) are hereby referred to as “food” in this document. This Standard establishes what information shall be presented on the label of retail or non-retail food intended for human consumption. It includes other aspects relating to the presentation of the food label and other information accompanying the food presented by means other than the label. This document consolidates relevant provisions from the following Codex documents to fit the Philippine setting and the scope of the mandate of the Department of Agriculture:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods (CXS 1-1985, rev. 2018);</li> <li>• General Standard for the Labelling of Non-Retail Containers of Foods (CXS 346-2021); and</li> <li>• Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods (CXG 32-1999).</li> </ul>
19	Code of Practice	Young Coconut — Code of Practice (COP) —Hygienic Practices	385:2024	This Standard covers the recommended practices for the primary production, postharvest operations, transport, and minimal processing of young coconut such as dehiscing, trimming, and polishing.

No	Type	Name of PNS	PNS Number	Description
				Emphasis is made on food safety principles particularly, on how to minimize contamination from microbiological hazards as they relate to Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), Good Hygienic Practices (GHP), and Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP).
20	Guidelines	Risk Analysis of Foodborne Antimicrobial Resistance — Guidelines	386:2024	<p>The scope of the guidelines is to provide science-based guidance on processes and methodology for risk analysis and its application to foodborne antimicrobial resistance (AMR) related to non-human use of antimicrobial agents. The guidelines aim to (1) assess the risk to human health associated with AMR microorganisms and determinants, particularly their presence in primary and postharvest food (hereby referred to as food) and animal feed, including aquaculture, and their transmission through food and animal feed; and to (2) provide advice on appropriate risk management activities to reduce such risk.</p> <p>The guidelines will further address the risk associated with different sectors of antimicrobial agent use such as veterinary applications, plant protection, or postharvest.</p> <p>As there are existing Codex or internationally recognized guidelines, the following areas related to antimicrobial agents or AMR are outside the scope of this document:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) residues of antimicrobial agents in food;</li> <li>b) AMR marker genes in recombinant-DNA plants and recombinant-DNA microorganisms. The food safety assessment on the use of these recombinant-DNA is addressed in CXG 45-2003 (Guideline for the conduct of food safety assessment of foods derived from recombinant-DNA plants) and CXG 46-2003 (Guideline for the conduct of food safety assessment of foods derived from recombinant-DNA microorganisms);</li> <li>c) non-genetically modified microorganisms (e.g., starter cultures) intentionally added to food with a technological purpose; and</li> <li>d) certain food ingredients, which could potentially carry AMR genes, such as probiotics. The food safety assessment on the use of probiotics in foods is addressed in a Report of a Joint FAO/WHO Working Group on Drafting Guidelines for the Evaluation of Probiotics in Foods (2002).</li> </ul>

No	Type	Name of PNS	PNS Number	Description
				These guidelines were adopted from CXG 77-2011, rev. 2021 (Guidelines for risk analysis of foodborne AMR) with some modifications to consider the conditions in the Philippines.
21	Code of Practice	Fertilizers — Code of Practice (COP) — Good Manufacturing and Warehousing Practices (GMWP)	387:2024	This Standard covers the manufacturing and warehousing practices relevant to handling, storage, and transport of inorganic fertilizers. It also considers the relevant provisions of Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) and Occupational Safety and Health Standards (OSHS) to ensure food safety, quality of produce, worker's welfare, occupational safety and health, and environmental integrity. Organic fertilizers and other types of soil amendments are excluded.
22	Product Standards	Durian — Product Standard — Grading and Classification	12:2024	This Standard applies to commercial varieties of durians grown from <i>Durio zibethinus</i> L. of the Bombacaceae family, to be supplied fresh to the consumer after preparation and packaging. Durians for industrial processing are excluded. This standard covers provision concerning quality, classification, sizing, tolerances, presentation, marking or labeling, food safety requirements and nutritional composition.
23	Code of Practice	Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture (UPA) — Code of Practice (COP) — Good Agricultural Practices (GAP)	389:2024	This Standard covers the recommended practices for crop production and aquaculture in urban and peri-urban settings, intended for human consumption. Specifically, this Code applies to crops grown in soil-based and soil-less (hydroponics and aquaponics). Further, it covers the four modules of Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) namely food safety, produce quality, environmental management, and worker's health and safety. This excludes the recommended practices for livestock production and non-food agricultural crops in urban and peri-urban settings.
24	Guidelines	Operator's Manual for Agricultural and Biosystems Power and Machinery — Guidelines	390:2024	This Standard provides guidance for the content and presentation of operator's manual for agricultural and biosystems power and machinery.

No	Type	Name of PNS	PNS Number	Description
25	Guidelines	Methods of Sampling for Agricultural and Biosystems Power and Machinery — Guidelines	391:2024	<p>This Standard prescribes the procedures for sampling agricultural and biosystems power and machinery and its components, unless specified in the respective product specification, for the purpose of conformity such as Agricultural Machinery Testing and Evaluation Center (AMTEC) testing Accredited Testing Center (ATC) testing, field test, and acceptance test with the exception of system test.</p> <p>This applies to the finished products in the production line.</p>
26	Specifications	Agricultural and Fishery Pumpset — Specifications	392:2024	<p>This Standard specifies the minimum requirements for manufacturing and performance of a pumpset with a maximum size of 200 mm x 200 mm used for agricultural and fishery purposes.</p>
27	Methods of Test	Agricultural and Fishery Pumpset — Methods of Test	393:2024	<p>This Standard specifies the methods of test and inspection for pumpset used for agricultural and fishery purposes. Specifically, it shall be used to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Verify the mechanism, main dimensions, materials, accessories of pumpset, and the list of specifications submitted by the test applicant;</li> <li>b) Determine the performance of the machine;</li> <li>c) Describe the handling and safety features; and</li> <li>d) Prepare the test report.</li> </ul>
28	Specifications	Agricultural Mobile Elevating Work Platform — Specifications	394:2024	<p>This Standard specifies the manufacturing, performance, and other requirements for mobile elevating work platform used specifically for agricultural and fishery purposes such as, but not limited to, orchard operations and servicing agricultural and biosystems infrastructures. This is not applicable to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Permanently installed personnel-lifting appliances serving defined levels;</li> <li>b) Fire-fighting and fire rescue appliances;</li> <li>c) Unguided work cages suspended from lifting appliances;</li> <li>d) Elevating operator position on rail-dependent storage and retrieval equipment;</li> <li>e) Tail lifts;</li> <li>f) Mast-climbing work platform;</li> <li>g) Fairground equipment;</li> <li>h) Lifting tables with a lifting height of less than 2m;</li> <li>i) Builders hoists for persons and materials;</li> </ul>



No	Type	Name of PNS	PNS Number	Description
				j) Aircraft ground-support equipment; k) Digger derricks; l) Elevating operator positions on industrial trucks; m) Under-bridge inspection and maintenance devices; and n) Certain requirements for insulating aerial devices on a chassis for use in live work on electrical installations.
29	Methods of Test	Agricultural Mobile Elevating Work Platform — Methods of Test	395:2024	This Standard specifies the methods of test and inspection for mobile elevating work platforms used specifically for agricultural and fishery purposes such as, but not limited to, orchard operations and servicing agricultural and biosystems infrastructures. Specifically, it shall be used to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Verify the mechanism, dimensions, materials, accessories of MEWP, and the list of specifications submitted by the test applicant;</li> <li>b) Determine the performance of the MEWP;</li> <li>c) Describe the handling and safety features; and</li> <li>d) Prepare the report for the test.</li> </ul>
30	Specifications	Internal Combustion Engine — Specifications	396:2024	This Standard specifies the requirements for the manufacture and performance of fully equipped reciprocating internal combustion engines with up to 20 kW rating used for agricultural and biosystems purposes.
31	Methods of Test	Internal Combustion Engine — Methods of Test	397:2024	This Standard specifies the methods of test and inspection for fully equipped reciprocating internal combustion engines with up to 20 kW rating used for agricultural and biosystems purposes. Specifically, it shall be used to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Verify the mechanism, main dimensions, materials, accessories of engine, and the list of specifications submitted by the test applicant;</li> <li>b) Determine the performances of the machine;</li> <li>c) Describe the handling and safety features; and</li> <li>d) Prepare the test report.</li> </ul>

No	Type	Name of PNS	PNS Number	Description
32	Specifications	Grain Collector — Specifications	398:2024	This Standard specifies the minimum manufacturing and specification requirements for grain collectors for agricultural use and purposes. This standard only applies to grains such as rice, corn, sorghum, adlai, and soybean.
33	Methods of Test	Grain Collector — Methods of Test	399:2024	This Standard specifies the methods of test and inspection for grain collectors. Specifically, it shall be used to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Verify the mechanism, dimensions, materials, accessories of the machine, and the list of specifications submitted by the test applicant;</li> <li>b) Determine the performance of the machine;</li> <li>c) Evaluate the handling and safety features; and</li> <li>d) Prepare the report for the test results.</li> </ul>
34	Specifications	Coffee Pulper — Specifications	400:2024	This Standard specifies the manufacturing, performance, and other requirements for coffee pulper under wet processing method.
35	Methods of Test	Coffee Pulper — Methods of Test	401:2024	This Standard specifies the methods of test and inspection for coffee pulper. Specifically, it shall be used to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Verify the mechanism, main dimensions of parts/components, materials, accessories of the coffee pulper and the list of specifications submitted by the test applicant;</li> <li>b) Determine the performance of the machine;</li> <li>c) Describe/observe the handling, operation, maintenance, and safety features; and</li> <li>d) Prepare the report for test results.</li> </ul>

## List of Harmonization Reports

No	Title	Rating	Year Accomplished	Category
1	Harmonization Assessment for PNS/BAFS 294:2020 (PNS on Principles and Guidelines for the Conduct of Microbiological Risk Assessment) with C AC/GL 30-1999 ( Principles and Guidelines for the Conduct of Microbiological Risk Assessment)	97%	2024	General Food Standard
2	Harmonization Assessment for PNS/BAFS 26:2006 (PNS on Tomatoes) with CXS 293-2008 (Codex Standard for Tomato) and ASEAN Stan 63:2019 (ASEAN Standard for Tomato)	Codex: 21% ASEAN: 21%	2024	Crops
3	Harmonization Assessment for PNS/BAFPS 18:2005 (PNS on Cauliflower) with ASEAN Stan 49:2016 (ASEAN Standard for Cauliflower) and UNECE Standard FFV-11 (UNECE Standard for Cauliflower)	ASEAN: 31% UNECE: 22%	2024	Crops
4	Harmonization Assessment for PNS/BAFS 199:2017 (PNS on Code of Good Animal Husbandry Practices for Dairy Cattle and Water Buffalo) with ASEAN GAHP for Dairy Cattle and Buffaloes	74%	2024	Livestock and Poultry
5	Harmonization Assessment for PNS/BAFS 238:2018;2024 (PNS on Live and Raw Bivalve Mollusc — Code of Practice (COP)) with CXC 52-2003, rev. 2020 (CODEX Code of Practice for the Processing of Fish and Fishery Products)	86%	2024	Fisheries
6	Harmonization Assessment for PNS/BAFS 295:2020 (PNS on Working Principles for Risk Analysis for Food Safety Application by Governments ) with CAC/GL 62-2007 (CODEX Working Principles for Risk Analysis for Food Safety Application by Governments)	100%	2024	General Food Standards
7	Harmonization Assessment for PNS/BAFPS 30:2005 (PNS on Calamansi) with ASEAN Stan 59:2019 (ASEAN Standard for Calamansi/Musk lime )	48%	2024	Crops
8	Harmonization Assessment for PNS/BAFPS 19:2005 (PNS on Head Lettuce) with ASEAN Stan 50:2016 (ASEAN Standard for Head lettuce)	32%	2024	Crops
9	Harmonization Assessment for PNS/BAFS 297:2020 (PNS on Code of Practice for the Processing of Shrimps and Prawns) with CXC 52-2003, rev. 2020 (CODEX Code of Practice for the Processing of Fish and Fishery Products)	71%	2024	Fisheries
10	Harmonization Assessment for PNS/BAFS 202:2017 (PNS on GAHP for Sheep) with ASEAN GAHP for Goat and Sheep	84%	2024	Livestock and Poultry

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No.	Name of Company	Region	Type of Certificate	Scope	Geographical Scope
1	Bohol Participatory Guarantee System Association (BPGSA)	VII	New	Crop Production, Animal Production, Mushroom Production, Beekeeping, Processing (Organic Milled Rice), Processing - Food, Organic Soil Amendment	Provincial
2	Ormoc Organic Agriculture Development, Inc. (OOADI)	VIII	New	Crop Production, Animal Production, Processing (Organic Milled Rice), Organic Soil Amendment (OSA)	Provincial
3	Atok Organic Practitioner's Association Incorporation (ATOPAI)	CAR	New	Crop Production, Animal Production	Municipal
4	Montanyosa Organic Agriculture Practitioners Association (MOAPA)	CAR	New	Crop Production, Animal Production, Crop Production, Animal Production, Processing -Food	Provincial
5	People's Action for Liberative Agricultural Industry, Inc. (PALAI, INC.)	XII	New	Crop Production, Animal Production, Processing - Food	Provincial
6	Nueva Vizcaya Participatory Guarantee System Inc. (NVPGS)	II	New	Crop Production, Animal Production	Provincial
7	Alangalang Agri-preneur and Services Farmers Association (ALASFA) Organic Practitioner	VIII	New	Crop Production, Animal Production	Provincial
8	Negros Island Organic Producers Association (NIOPA)	VI	New	Crop Production, Animal Production	Provincial
9	Magsaysay Organic Farmers Agriculture Cooperative (MOFARMCO)	XI	New	Crop Production, Animal Production, Processing (Organic Milled Rice)	Provincial



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No.	Name of Company	Region	Type of Certificate	Scope	Geographical Scope
10	Batangas Organic and Natural Farming Agriculture Cooperative (BONFAC)	IV-A	New	Crop Production, Animal Production	Provincial
11	Lamut Organic Practitioners Agriculture Cooperative (LOPRACO)	CAR	New	Crop Production, Animal Production	Provincial
12	Catubig Organic Farmers Association (COFA)	VIII	Continuing	Crop Production, Animal Production	Municipal
13	Participatory Guarantee System Tatak Organik Kauswagan Farmers Association (PGS-TOKFA)	X	Continuing	Crop Production, Animal Production	Municipal
14	Tublay Organic Farming Practitioners Agriculture Cooperative (TOFPA-COOP)	CAR	Continuing	Crop Production, Animal Production	Municipal
15	Tarlac Organic Producers (TOP) PGS Association, Inc.	III	New	Crop Production, Animal Production, Animal Production, Mushroom Production, CP for Seed Production, Processing (Organic Milled Rice), Processing - Food	Provincial
16	SIPBAFAMCO Participatory Guarantee System (SIPBAFAMCO-PGS)	XIII	New	Crop Production, Animal Production, Processing (Organic Milled Rice)	Provincial
17	Tubungan Vegetable Production Association Participatory Guarantee System (TVPAPGS) Core Group	VI	New	Crop Production, Animal Production	Municipal

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18	Palawan Organic Farmers Association (POFA) Municipal PGS Group	MiMaRoPa	New	Crop Production, Animal Production	Municipal
19	Aborlan PGS Group	MiMaRoPa	New	Crop Production, Animal Production	Provincial
20	Organico Mindoreños-Occidental Mindoro Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) Group (OM-OM PGS GROUP)	MiMaRoPa	New	Crop Production, Animal Production, Processing (Organic Milled Rice)	Provincial
21	Santa Maria Isabela Participatory Guarantee System Incorporated (SMIPGSI)	II	New	Crop Production, Animal Production	Provincial
22	Itogon Integrated Organic Farmers Association (IIOFA)	CAR	Continuing	Crop Production,AnimalProduction	Provincial
23	Upland Cavite Farmers Agriculture Cooperative (UPCAFA)	IV-A	New	Crop Production,AnimalProduction	Provincial
24	Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) City of San Fernando La Union Philippines, Inc. (CSFLUPI)	I	New	Crop Production,AnimalProduction	Provincial
25	Camarines Norte Federation of Cooperative (CANOFECO)	V	Continuing	Crop Production, AnimalProduction, Processing for Milled Rice	Provincial
26	Paggitib Organic Practitioners Association	VIII	New	Crop Production, AnimalProduction, Processing for Milled Rice, Seed Production	Provincial

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No.	Name of Company	Region	Scope	Commodities
1	Minong's Farm	VI	Crop Production	1
2	Buddilyn's Farm	VI	Crop Production	2
3	TALENTO INTEGRATED FARM	VI	Crop Production and Animal Production	3
4	Pilok's Farm	VI	Crop Production	4
5	Tony's Farm	VI	Crop Production	5
6	MaDoMa Farm	I	Crop Production	6
7	Imulayan Organic Resource Center	XI	Crop Production and Animal Production	7
8	Pama's Farm	XI	Crop Production and Animal Production	8
9	Genayas Farm	XI	Crop Production	9
10	Kenaniah Farm	XI	Crop Production	10
11	Kumander Boboy's Farmvilla	XI	Crop Production and Animal Production	11
12	Genebank Farm	XII	Crop Production and Processing - Milled Rice	12

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No.	Name of Company	Region	Scope	Commodities
13	Eusebio Seto Jr Organic Farm	XII	Crop Production and Processing - Milled Rice	Paddy Rice and Milled Rice
14	DB Happy Chickens	XII	Animal Production	Live animals (chickens)
15	JADE FARM	XII	Crop Production	Spices
16	Bios Dynamis Export Organic Bungulan Farm	XII	Crop Production and Agricultural Inputs (OSA)	Fruit Crops, ad OSA
17	Libudon Organic Farmers Association (LOFA) Farm	XI	Crops	Vegetable Crops
18	DE-AYA Farm	XI	Livestock and Mushroom Production	Oyster Mushroom (Fresh and Fruit Bags), and Stingless Bee Honey
19	St. Camillus Community Based Farm	XI	Crop Production	Fruit Crops, Vegetable Crops, Plantation Crops, and Legumes
20	JEM Organic Farm	XI	Crop Production and Processing	Banana, Connout (Whole), Cacao (Wet Beans), and Cacao (Dried Beans)
21	3 ZJ's Organic Farm	XI	Crop Production and Animal Production	Fruit Crops, Plantation Crops, and Goats (live)
22	ARVYK Eco-Farm Research, Learning and Assessment Center, Inc	II	Animal Production	Swine (Live)
23	JRP Farm	II	Crop Production	Fruit Crops, Vegetable Crops, and Legumes



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24	SITO'S ORGANIC FARM and RESORT	II	Crop Production	Paddy Rice, Vegetable Crops, and Legumes
25	Regie's Integrated Farm	II	Animal Production	Goats (Live)
26	Beracha Integrated Farm	II	Animal Production	Cattle (Live)
27	COF Creek Organic Farm	CAR	Crop Production	Herbs, Legumes, and Vegetable Crops
28	Comedown Farm	CAR	Crop Production and Animal Production	Vegetable Crops, Spices, Legumes, Root Crops, and Ducks (Live)
29	Toda Organic Farm	CAR	Crop Production	Fruit Crops, Herbs, Legumes, Plantation Crops, Root Crops, and Vegetable Crops
30	LCA Farm	CAR	Crop Production	Legumes, Spices, and Vegetable Crops
31	Brylyner Organic Farm	CAR	Crop Production	Legumes, Herbs, and Vegetable Crops
32	Siano's Farm	XIII	Crops	Fruit Crops and Plantation Crops
33	Moncads Sarabiaca's Farm	XIII	Crops and Animal Production	Plantation Crops and Live Goats

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No.	Name of Company	Region	Scope	Commodities
34	PEREZ ORGANIC LA FERME	XIII	Crops	Plantation Crops
35	Estacion Family Farm	XIII	Crops and Livestock	Plantation Crops and Live Chicken
36	NRJB Nerio's Farm	XIII	Crops	Fruit Crops, Plantation Crops, Root Crops, and Vegetable Crops
37	SALVADOR FARM	IV-B	Crops	Fruit Crops and Vegetable Crops
38	Bucobocan Farm	CAR	Crops	Vegetable Crops and Legumes
39	4L Integrated Organic Farm	CAR	Crops and Livestock	Vegetable Crops, Legumes, Herbs, and Live Animals (Chicken)
40	OGWA Farm	CAR	Crops	Vegetable Crops and Legumes
41	Jhandee's Farm	CAR	Crops	Vegetable Crops, Legumes, and Herbs
42	Ayson Farm	CAR	Crops	Vegetable Crops, Legumes, and Herbs
43	Quirino Bolivar Farm	VIII	Crop Production and Processing - Milled Rice	Paddy Rice, and Milled Rice

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44	Herminda's Little Garden	VIII	Crops	Vegetable Crops
45	Bernardo's Hidden Farm	VIII	Livestock	Native Swine (Live)
46	Rod's Saloritos Yutia Farm	VIII	Crops	Vegetable Crops
47	Rolando's Kalinayan Apian Farm	VIII	Crop Production and Processing - Milled Rice	Paddy Rice, Milled Rice, and Corn
48	Boy G Farm	IX	Livestock	Chicken (Live)
49	Lina Gudmalin's Organic Farm	IX	Crop Production and Processing - Milled Rice	Paddy Rice, and Milled Rice
50	Organic Farm ni Kuya Pancho	IX	Crop Production and Processing - Milled Rice	Paddy Rice, and Milled Rice
51	Organic Farm ni Tatay Eslao	IX	Crop Production and Processing - Milled Rice	Paddy Rice, and Milled Rice
52	Nanay Aster's Farm	IX	Crop Production and Processing - Milled Rice	Paddy Rice, and Milled Rice
49	Lina Gudmalin's Organic Farm	IX	Crop Production and Processing - Milled Rice	Paddy Rice, and Milled Rice

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No.	Name of Company	Region	Scope	Commodities
50	Organic Farm ni Kuya Pancho	IX	Crop Production and Processing - Milled Rice	Paddy Rice, and Milled Rice
51	Organic Farm ni Tatay Eslao	IX	Crop Production and Processing - Milled Rice	Paddy Rice, and Milled Rice
52	Nanay Aster's Farm	IX	Crop Production and Processing - Milled Rice	Paddy Rice, and Milled Rice
53	Dantess Farm	III	Crops	Plantation Crops
54	Angel Tolits Integrated Farm	III	Crops, Livestock, and Mushroom	Vegetable Crops, Root Crops, Mushroom (Oyster Mushroom), and Chicken (Live Animal, and Table Eggs)
55	Kayumanggi Organic Farm	III	Crops, and Livestock	Vegetable Crops, Plantation Crops, Root Crops, Herbs, Fruit Crops/Trees, and Goat (Live Animal)
56	Munting Paraiso ni Yoly Farm	III	Crop Production and Processing - Milled Rice	Paddy Rice, Milled Rice, Vegetable Crops, Herbs, Legumes, Fruit Crops/Trees, and Plantation Crops
57	Mother Pearl Natural Farm	III	Crop Production and Processing - Milled Rice	Paddy Rice, and Milled Rice
58	Ludivic Diversified Organic Farm	IX	Crops	Paddy rice
59	Liit Organic Farm	IX	Crop Production and Processing - Milled Rice	Paddy rice and milled rice



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No.	Name of Company	Region	Scope	Commodities
60	UmaLeng Organic Diversified Farm	IX	Crop Production and Processing - Milled Rice, Livestock	Paddy rice and milled rice, Chicken (live and table eggs)
61	Ricardo Organic Farm	IX	Crop Production and Processing - Milled Rice	Paddy rice and milled rice
62	Rico Organic Farm	IX	Crop Production and Processing - Milled Rice	Paddy rice and milled rice
63	Danilia Farm	III	Crops	Fruit crops/trees
64	ADELINE'S INTEGRATED FARM	III	Crops	Herbs, Spices, Fruit Crops/Trees, Plantation Crops, and Vegetables Crops
65	Agopina Roxas Integrated Farm	III	Crops	Fruit Crops/Trees, Herbs, Vegetable Crops, and Root Crops
66	Ferry and Tessie Goat Farm	III	Livestock	Goat (live animal)
67	SIX MINTAC FARM	III	Crop Production and Seed Production	Fruit Crops
68	Peñaranda Clan's Magsasaka and Integrated Farm	III	Crops and Livestock	Fruit Crops/Trees, Plantation Crops, Legumes, Vegetable Crops, and Chicken (live)
69	PESTALES Braveheart Farm	VII	Crops	Herbs and spices, Medicinal Crops, Fruit Crops/Trees, Legumes, and Vegetables Crops

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70	Magnum de PESTALES Integrated Farm	VII	Crops and Mushroom	Herbs and spices, Medicinal Crops, Fruit Crops/Trees, Cereals/Grains, Legumes, and Vegetables Crops, and Mushroom
71	Everlasting PESTALES Integrated Farm	VII	Crops	Herbs and spices, Medicinal Crops, Fruit Crops/Trees, Legumes, and Vegetables Crops
72	LAXUS DE PESTALES INTEGRATED GARDEN	VII	Livestock	Chicken (live animal and table eggs)
73	Black PESTALES Integrated Diversified Farm	VII	Crop Production, and Seed Production	Herbs and spices, Medicinal Crops, Fruit Crops/Trees, Cereals/Grains, Legumes, and Vegetables Crops, and Root Crops
74	Amira's Integrated Farm	MIMAROPA	Crops and Livestock	Vegetable/Crops, Legumes, Cereals/Grains, Chicken (Live Animal)
75	Lui's More in One Farm	MIMAROPA	Crops	Vegetable Crops, Legumes, Fruit Crops/ Trees, Cereals/Grains
76	Tres Uno Integrated Farm	MIMAROPA	Crops and Livestock	Vegetable Crops, Legumes, Fruit Crops/ Trees, Chicken (Live Animal and Table Eggs)
77	Ka Nepo's Integrated Farm	MIMAROPA	Crops	Vegetable Crops, Legumes
78	Saluciano Integrated Farm	MIMAROPA	Crop Production and Seed Production	Vegetable Crops, Legumes, Fruit Crops/Trees
79	GOPO Family Farm	XIII	Crops	Fruit Crops/Trees

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80	Mendoza's Farm	VII	Crops	Vegetable Crops, Root Crops, Legumes, Herbs, Cereals/Grains, and Fruit Crops/Trees, Plantation Crop
81	Go Organic Agriculture Para sa pag-Asenso (GOAPA) Farm	VII	Crops	Vegetable Crops, Legumes, Herbs, Cereals/Grains, and Fruit Crops/Trees
82	Archea Stephan Farm	VII	Crops	Vegetable Crops, Legumes, and Fruit Crops/Trees
83	HOPE ROOTS AGRICULTURE	VII	Crops	Vegetable Crops, and Cereals/Grains
84	Juarez Farm	VII	Crops and Livestock	Vegetable Crops, Root Crops, Legumes, Herbs, Spices, Cereals/Grains, Fruit Crops/Trees, and Chicken (live animal)
85	DLC Farm	VII	Crops	Vegetable Crops, Legumes, Fruit Crop/Trees
86	San Isidro Labrador Agricultural Farm	V	Crops	Vegetable Crops, Legumes, Herbs, Root Crops, Fruit Crops/Trees
87	ACS Agricultural Farm	V	Crops	Paddy rice
88	KC & Kath Agricultural Farm	V	Crops and Livestock	Vegetable Crops, Legumes, Root Crops, Fruit Crops/Trees, Swine (live animal)
89	Herbas Immaculada Organic Farm	V	Crops	Fruit Crops/Trees, Vegetable Crops, Herbs, and Legumes

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No.	Name of Company	Region	Scope	Commodities
90	Aloha House Inc.	V	Crops, Processing-Milled Rice, Livestock	Cereal/Grains, Herbs, Spices, Fruit Crops/Trees, Root Crops, Vegetable Crops, Legumes, Plantation Crops, Goat (live animals), Sheep (live animals), and Swine (live animals)
91	Rose Tao Farms	MiMaRoPA	Crops	Fruit Crops/Trees, Vegetable Crops, Herbs, Spices, Root Crops Cereals/Grains, and Legumes
92	FarmBihira Farm	MiMaRoPA	Crops and Livestock	Vegetable Crops, Spices, Legumes, Root Crops, Herbs, Spices, Fruit Crops/Trees, Goat (live animals), and Sheep (live animals)
93	Patio Agritourism Park	MiMaRoPA	Livestock	Goat (live animals) and Sheep (live animals)
94	Manalo Circulo Valley Farm	MiMaRoPA	Crops	Fruit Crops/Trees



## List of Organic Agriculture Facilities Monitored by DA-BAFS for FY 2024

No.	Name of Company	Region	Scope	Date of Monitoring Report
1	GH4 Garden	CAR	Crop Production	January 25, 2024
2	Happy Farm	CAR	Crop Production	January 25, 2024
3	Chapherb Farm	CAR	Crop Production	January 25, 2024
4	Tiesa Garden	CAR	Crop Production	January 25, 2024
5	Kurby's Garden	CAR	Crop Production and Animal Production	January 25, 2024
6	Molijon Family Garden	X	Crop Production	January 30, 2024
7	Villa de Pietro Agricultural Farms	X	Crop Production	February 5, 2024
8	Pendato Integrated Organic Farm	X	Crop Production	January 31, 2024
9	Rama's Nature Farm	X	Crop Production and Animal Production	February 1, 2024
10	Lo Osting Farmville	X	Crop Production and Animal Production	February 5, 2024

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No.	Name of Company	Region	Scope	Date of Monitoring Report
11	Inday's Mushroom Farm	VI	Mushroom Production	February 8, 2024
12	Pedrola's Farm	VI	Crop Production	February 8, 2024
13	Lucila's Farm	VI	Crop Production	February 8, 2024
14	Crispin's Farm	VI	Crop Production	February 8, 2024
15	Villalobos Farm	VI	Crop Production	February 8, 2024
16	Tossing Farm	VI	Animal Production	February 8, 2024
17	Marsh Mushroom Product Trading	VI	Mushroom Production	February 21, 2024
18	Genecela Farm	VI	Crop Production	February 20, 2024
19	Hugo's Farm	VI	Crop Production	February 20, 2024
20	Daria Farm	VI	Crop Production	February 21, 2024
21	AGP Agricultural Farm	VI	Crop Production and Animal Production	February 21, 2024
22	Miner's Garden	CAR	Crop Production	March 11, 2024

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No.	Name of Company	Region	Scope	Date of Monitoring Report
23	Seed Dapong Garden	CAR	Crop Production	March 15, 2024
24	Hidden Forest Garden	CAR	Crop Production	March 11, 2024
25	Twin River Garden	CAR	Crop Production and Animal Production	March 18, 2024
26	Happy Bee Garden	CAR	Crop Production and Animal Production	March 18, 2024
27	Engallado Nature Farm and Natural Food Products	X	Crop Production and Animal Production	March 21, 2024
28	Garrucho's Garden and Diversified Farm	X	Crop Production	March 19, 2024
29	UMANIKA ECO-CULTURAL FARM	X	Crop Production	March 21, 2024
30	Anpa's Farm	X	Crop Production and Processing - Milled Rice	March 20, 2024
31	GREEN WONDER Farm	X	Crop Production and Processing - Milled Rice	March 21, 2024
32	Kapunan Farm	XII	Crop Production and Processing - Milled Rice	April 17, 2024

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No.	Name of Company	Region	Scope	Date of Monitoring Report
33	Palero Farm	XII	Crop Production and Processing - Milled Rice	April 19, 2024
34	Qing's Farm	XII	Crop Production and Processing - Milled Rice	April 17, 2024
35	Dayos Farm	XII	Crop Production and Processing - Milled Rice	April 19, 2024
36	Recidoro Farm	XII	Animal Production	April 18, 2024
37	Green Gardens of Hope	VII	Crop Production, Processing - Milled Rice, and OSA	April 19, 2024
38	Egay's Farm	VII	Crop Production and Animal Production	April 22, 2024
39	Green Thumb	VII	Mushroom Production	April 19, 2024
40	Atbang Farm	VII	Crop Production and Processing - Food	April 22, 2024
41	Jolit's Eco Garden Integrated Farm	VII	Crop Production and Beekeeping	April 19, 2024
42	Doc Benny's Nature Farm	V	Crop Production	May 8, 2024



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No.	Name of Company	Region	Scope	Date of Monitoring Report
43	Español Farm	V	Crop Production	May 8, 2024
44	Maligat Integrated Farm, Inc,	V	Crop Production, Processing - Milled Rice, and Animal Production	May 8, 2024
45	Palsa's Nature Farm	V	Crop Production and Processing - Milled Rice	May 8, 2024
46	TAMUCO Nature's Farm	V	Crop Production and Processing - Milled Rice	May 8, 2024
47	Tabarangao's Farm	V	Crop Production and Processing - Milled Rice and Adlai	May 8, 2024
48	PDC Farm	V	Crop Production and Processing - Milled Rice	May 8, 2024
49	Trinidad Farm	V	Crop Production and Processing - Milled Rice	May 8, 2024
50	ABC Farm	V	Animal Production	May 8, 2024
51	Yanietbo's Farm	V	Crop Production and Processing - Milled Rice	May 8, 2024
52	Atok Organic Practitioners Association (ATOPAI)	CAR	Crops	December 18 , 2024

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No.	Name of Company	Region	Scope	Date of Monitoring Report
53	Atok Organic Practitioners Association (ATOPAI)	CAR	Crops	December 18 , 2024
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55	Atok Organic Practitioners Association (ATOPAI)	CAR	Crops	December 18, 2024
56	Atok Organic Practitioners Association (ATOPAI)	CAR	Crops and Livestock	December 18 , 2024

## List of Organic Agriculture Products Monitored by DA-BAFS for FY 2024

No	Name of Company	Product Name	Region	Scope	Date of Monitoring Report
1	Buro-Buro Spring Black Pepper, Flower, and Vermi Farms	OM Plus Bokashi Blend Organic Fertilizer	VI	OSA	January 31, 2024
2	Dynapharm International Phils. Inc.	Power Grow Green	NCR	OSA	April 01, 2024
3	Dynapharm International Phils. Inc.	Power Grow Red	NCR	OSA	April 01, 2024
4	Green Gardens of Hope	Green Gardens	VII	OSA	April 24, 2024
5	Marcela Farms, Inc.	Marcela (Organic Fertilizer)	VII	OSA	April 24, 2024
6	Agas Bukid Farm	Canaan	I	OSA	June 13, 2024
7	Aktiv Multi Trading Co. Phils., Inc.	Aktrine 4.6 SL	XI	OBCA	August 16, 2024
8	Aktiv Multi Trading Co. Phils., Inc.	Thyme Guard 23%	XI	OBCA	August 16, 2024
9	Nadine Marketing	Greenland	IV-A	OSA	September 16, 2024
10	Envireau Pacific Incorporated	Vigor Max	XI	OSA	November 20, 2024
11	Envireau Pacific Incorporated	Vigor Raja	XI	OSA	November 20, 2024
12	One Clear Enterprises Inc	Masinag	NCR	OSA	December 13, 2024

## List of PGS Groups assisted by DA-BAFS for FY 2024

No.	Name of Core PGS Group	Municipality, Province, and Region	Date of Pre-inspection
A. Pre-inspection of Core PGS Groups			
1	PESTALES Agriculture Cooperative	Hayunan, Jampang, Argao, Cebu (Region VII)	February 20-21, 2024
2	Organic Agriculture Practitioner Association (OAPA)	City of Naga, Cebu, Central Visayas (Region VII)	February 20-22, 2024
3	Damayang Kristiyano – PGS	Muñoz, Talavera, Nueva Ecija (Region III)	March 19 - 22, 2024
4	Organic Farmers of District 6 Bulacan (OFAD6)	Norzagaray and Angat Bulacan (Region III)	May 21-23, 2024
5	Samahan ng mga Makakalikasang Magsasaka ng Aurora	Baler, Aurora (Region III)	June 17-21, 2024
6	Samahan ng Organikong Magsasaka ng Kanlurang Mindoro (SOMKAM)	San Jose, Occidental Mindoro (Region IV-B)	September 24 - 27, 2024
7	Braulio E. Dujali Organic Producers and Rural Workers Association (BEDOPaRWA)	Braulio E. Dujali, Sampao, Nueva Fuerza, Davao Del Norte (Region XI)	October 7 – 11, 2024
8	Davao de Oro Organic Agriculture Farmers Association (DOAFA)	Mawab, Maragusan, Montevista, Compostela, Davao De Oro (Region XI)	October 14 – 8, 2024
9	Romblon PGS Association	Odiongan, Looc, San Andres, Romblon (MIMAROPA)	October 21 - 25, 2024
10	Mina de Oro PGS Association	Victoria, Roxas, Naujan, Oriental Mindoro (MIMAROPA)	October 28 - 31, 2024

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No.	Name of Core PGS Group	Municipality, Province, and Region	Date of Pre-inspection
B. Supervised Certification of PGS-OCB			
1	Kayapa PGS Group	Kayapa, Nueva Vizcaya (Region II)	July 22 - 26, 2024
2	Aklan Provincial Organic Producer's Association (APOPA)	Banga, Aklan (Region VI)	August 5 - 9, 2024
3	National Empowerment Development Exchange (NEDEX)	Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija (Region III)	August 13 - 16, 2024
4	Aborlan PGS Group	Ramon Magsaysay, Aborlan Palawan (Region IVB)	November 11 - 15, 2024
5	Palawan Organic Farmers Association (POFA)	Barangay Isugod, Quezon, Palawan (Region IVB)	November 11 - 15, 2024
6	Pecuaría Development Cooperative	Bula, Camarines Sur (Region V)	November 19 - 22, 2024
7	People's Action for Liberative Agricultural Industry, Inc. (PALAI Inc.)	Sto. Niño, South Cotabato (Region XII)	December 2 - 6, 2024



## List of PNS-Related Knowledge Products

No.	Type	Title	PNS Promoted	Description
1	Explanatory Manual	Organic Crop Production, Postharvest and Processing - Code of Practice	PNS/BAFS 337:2022 Organic Crop Production, Postharvest and Processing - Code of Practice	A supporting document of PNS that provides additional notes, and clarifications of relevant images for specific provisions or requirements of an adopted food safety PNS. It assists the user in understanding the requirements of a standard.
2	Poster/ Infographics	Prepackaged Fresh, Chilled, and Fresh Frozen Meat - Products Standard - Labeling	PNS/BAFS 339:2022 Prepackaged Fresh Chilled and Fresh frozen Meat - Product Standard - Labeling	A graphical synthesis of the standard that showcases the salient features of the adopted PNS. This aims to communicate quickly the complex information through visual form.
3	Poster/ Infographic	Quick Frozen Lobsters	PNS/BAFPS 91:2011 Quick Frozen Lobsters	A graphical synthesis of the standard that showcases the salient features of the adopted PNS. This aims to communicate quickly the complex information through visual form.
4	Poster/ Infographic	Fresh and Quick Frozen Raw Scallop - Products	PNS/BAFS 240:2018 Fresh and Quick Frozen Raw Scallop - Products	A graphical synthesis of the standard that showcases the salient features of the adopted PNS. This aims to communicate quickly the complex information through visual form.

## List of PNS-Related L&amp;D Activities

No.	Title	Date Conducted	Type	PNS Promoted
1	OK sa OA: Online Kwentuhan sa Organic Agriculture	February 13-15, 2024	Webinar	1. PNS/BAFS 371: 2023 Organic Swine — Code of Practice 2. PNS/BAFS 370: 2023 Organic Poultry — Code of Practice 3. PNS/BAFS 112:2023 Organic Aquaculture - Code of Practice
2	Kape at Pamantayan: A Webinar on Quality Standards in Coffee Production	April 11-12, 2024	Webinar	1. PNS/BAFS/PAES Agricultural Machinery - Coffee Huller - Specifications (212:2017) 2. PNS/BAFS/PAES Agricultural Machinery - Coffee Huller - Methods of Test (213:2017) 3. PNS/BAFPS 01:2012 Green Coffee Beans -Specifications 4. PNS/BAFS Green Coffee Bean Sorter - Specifications (341:2022) 5. PNS/BAFS Green Coffee Bean Sorter - Methods of Test (342:2022) 6. PNS/BAFS Green Coffee Bean (GCB) Roaster Specifications (214:2023) 7. PNS/BAFS Green Coffee Bean (GCB) Roaster Methods of Test (215:2023) 8. PNS/BAFS/PAES Agricultural Machinery - Coffee Grinder Specifications (188:2018) 9. PNS/BAFS/PAES Agricultural Machinery - Coffee Grinder - Methods of Test (189:2018)

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No.	Title	Date Conducted	Type	PNS Promoted
3	Understanding Good Animal Husbandry Practices (GAHP)-Related Standards for Inspectors	April 22-25, 2024	Seminar-Workshop	1. PNS GAHP Chicken Broilers Layers 2. PNS GAHP or Poultry Hatchery 3. PNS GAHP for Ducks 4. PNS GAHP for Swine 5. PNS GAHP for Beef Cattle and Buffalo 6. PNS Code of GAHP for Dairy Cattle and Water Buffalo 7. PNS Code of GAHP for Goat 8. PNS Code of GAHP for Sheep
4	A Taste of the Tides: Exploring the Standards for Fishery Commodities	May 15-16, 2024	Webinar	1. PNS Chilled or Frozen Crabs - Code of Practice 2. PNS Quick frozen lobsters 3. PNS Code of Practice for the Processing of Lobsters 4. PNS/BAFS 240:2018 Fresh and Quick Frozen Raw Scallop Products, and 5. PNS/BAFS 279:2019 Code of Practice for Fresh and Quick Frozen Raw Scallop Products.

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No.	Title	Date Conducted	Type	PNS Promoted
5	Grains, Beans and Brews: Safeguarding the Safety of Agricultural Commodities	June 6, 2024	Webinar	1. PNS COP for the Prevention and Reduction of Mycotoxin Contamination in Cereals 2. PNS COP for the Prevention and Reduction of Ochratoxin A Contamination in Philippines Cacao Beans 3. PNS COP for the Prevention and Reduction of Ochratoxin A Contamination in Coffee
6	Let's MEAT the Standards: A Webinar on Livestock Quality and Safety	October 9-10, 2024	Webinar	1. PNS/BAFS 102:2016 Code of Halal Slaughtering Practices for Ruminants 2. PNS/BAFS 164:2015 Code of Slaughtering Practice for Goats 3. PNS/BAFS 326:2022 Pork Carcass Product Standard Grading 4. PNS/BAFS 339:2022 Prepackaged Fresh Chilled and Fresh Frozen Meat - Product Standard - Labeling
7	OK sa OA: Online Kwentuhan sa Organic Agriculture	November 6-8, 2024	Webinar	1. PNS/BAFS 371: 2023 Organic Swine — Code of Practice 2. PNS/BAFS 370: 2023 Organic Poultry — Code of Practice 3. PNS/BAFS 112:2023 Organic Aquaculture -Code of Practice

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No.	Title	Date Conducted	Type	PNS Promoted
8	2024 BAFS Physical Seminar Series Part 1	October 22, November 6-7, 2024	Seminar-Workshop	1.Principles and Guidelines for the Conduct of Microbiological Risk Assessment (PNS/BAFS 294:2020) 2.Establishment of Microbiological Criteria for Food (PNS/BAFS 307:2020)
9	2024 BAFS Physical Seminar Series Part 2	October 29-31, 2024	Seminar-Workshop	1.General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed (PNS/BAFS194:2022) 2.General Methods of Analysis for Contaminants in Food and Feed Guidelines (PNS/BAFS 351:2022)
10	BAFS TV Episode 5 BAFS TV Episode 5 - Kwentong Manukan: Etikal at Epektibong Pamamaraan sa Pagpapalaki ng Manok	December 6, 2024	BAFS-TV	PNS GAHP Chicken Broilers Layers
11	BAFS TV Episode 6 - Pamantayan at Regulasyon: Kaagapay sa Pag-unlad ng Mekanisasyon sa Agrikultura	December 27, 2024	BAFS-TV	1.PNS/BAFS 301:2020 Four-Wheel Tractor- Specifications 2.PNS/BAFS 302:2020 Four-Wheel Tractor Methods of Test



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No.	Title	Description	Date Accomplished	Proponent	Main Purpose
1	Control Measures for Campylobacter and Salmonella in Chicken Meat	In 2023, the DA-BAFS proposed the adoption of the Codex standards on “Guidelines for the Control of Campylobacter and Salmonella in Chicken Meat (CAC/GL 78-2011) as a Philippine National Standard to provide guidance on how to prevent and control Campylobacter and Salmonella and comply with the microbiological limits established by the PNS/BAFS 372:2023 Primary and Postharvest Food and Feed–Product Standard–Microbiological Criteria. Thus, this study aimed to provide scientific and technical information on the potential control measures for Campylobacter and Salmonella in chicken meat and validate the proposal to adopt the Codex standards (CAC/GL 78-2011) as a Philippine National Standard. This study, conducted through secondary research, compared the control measures provided by Codex against the measures by the USA, EU and Philippines from the primary production to distribution channels.	February 15, 2024	BAFS -SDD	PNS Development
2	Dietary Exposure Assessment and Risk Estimates of Lead in Spices and Culinary Herbs: Using Philippine Consumption Data	In January 2024, the Codex Committee on Contaminants (CCCCF) in its 17th session, requested comments on the proposed maximum level (ML) for lead (Pb) in spices and culinary herbs. To support the Philippine position on the agenda at the CCCC 17th session, the DA-BAFS conducted dietary exposure assessment and risk estimates to determine whether the proposed ML of the CCCC will provide appropriate protection to the Filipino consuming population. Dietary exposure to lead from spices and culinary herbs consumption was assessed based on the mean body weights of the different Filipino population groups, mean “condiments & spices” consumption of 1-2 g/day, and the proposed ML. The conservative risk estimate using the Margin of exposure (MOE) approach was computed to be $\geq 10$ across all population groups, which is interpreted as “no appreciable risk of a clinically significant effect on systolic blood pressure (SBP) and intelligence quotient (IQ).	February 26, 2024	National Codex Organization - SubCommittee on Contaminants in Foods	Philippine Position Paper for the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods

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No.	Title	Description	Date Accomplished	Proponent	Main Purpose
3	Aquaculture Practices in Pompano Production in Zambales, Guimaras, Negros Occidental, and Sarangani, Philippines	In 2020, the SEAFDEC requested for the development of Philippine National Standard (PNS) on the Code of Good Aquaculture Practices (GAqP) for Pompano to address the lack of a national standard, which may result in the occurrence of potential risks to food safety, animal health, environment, and economic losses associated with the culture of pompano. To support the PNS development, this study was conducted to identify practices of pompano producers in selected producing provinces (Zambales, Guimaras, Negros Occidental, and Sarangani) in the Philippines. Specifically, the study gathered information on aquaculture practices against the following major provisions in the existing PNS on the Code of GAqP (PNS/BAFS 135:2014): site selection, source of stock, stocking density, feed and feeding, water and soil quality, animal health and management, biosecurity measures, harvesting, post-harvest handling, and transport, and traceability and record keeping. Local practices were compared with the requirements contained in the SEAFDEC manual, DA-Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) Field Guide, and ASEAN and PNS Code of GAqP.	May 28, 2024	BAFS-SDD	PNS Development
4	Comparative Evaluation of Pummelo Grading and Classification Systems in Davao City Against Codex and ASEAN Standards	In 2022, the harmonization assessment of DA-BAFS revealed that PNS 11:2004 was not harmonized with Codex Standard for Pummelo (CXS 214-1999) and ASEAN Standard for Pummelo (ASEAN Stan 5:2007), with a harmonization rate of 19% for both standards. Harmonization or alignment of national standards against international and regional standards is a prerequisite to facilitate market access to agricultural commodities. To harmonize the PNS on pummelo with its counterpart international standards, this study was conducted to evaluate the current grading and classification systems of the 'Magallanes' pomelo variety in Davao City against the relevant provisions contained in CXS 214-1999 and ASEAN Stan 5:2007.	June 21, 2024	BAFS-SDD	PNS Development

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		<p>More specifically, the study aimed at the following: (1) describe and compare the practices of pummelo growers with the requirements in CXS 214-1999 and ASEAN Stan 5:2007 on minimum requirements, maturity requirements and coloring, classification, size classification, quality tolerance, packaging, and labeling; and (2) validate the grower's practices with the traders practices (size classification, packaging, and marking or labeling) and compare with CXS214-1999 and ASEAN Stan 5:2007. Data on local grading and classification systems were collected through face-to-face key informant interviews of the three respondents selected through convenience sampling. On the other hand, the grower's practices related to trading were validated with nine traders in the market also selected through convenience sampling. Actual fruit measurements (i.e., weight and equatorial diameter) were measured from at least 30 random fruit samples per size to validate the grower's size classifications. Observations were also made in the market for the packaging and labeling of pummelo. All collected information was compared to the relevant provisions in CXS 214-1999 and ASEAN Stan 5:2007.</p>			
5	Comparative Evaluation of the Classification and Grading Systems for Rabbit Meat in the Philippines Against the United States and the European Union	<p>The DA-Bureau of Animal Industry requested the development of the PNS that will provide technical guidance to the rabbit stakeholders relative to the slaughtering, cutting, and grading of rabbit meat to support the growing rabbit industry. To support the development of the PNS, this study on classification and grading systems for rabbit meat was undertaken. Primary data were collected using a semi-structured survey questionnaire based on the parameters specified by the USDA (2002) and UNECE (2013). A total of 15 respondents from Central Luzon, CALABARZON, and Ilocos Regions were interviewed face-to-face in March 2024. The 15 respondents covered rabbit farm owners, of which three were also rabbit meat consolidators and seven were also presidents of select rabbit meat</p>	July 4, 2024	BAFS-SDD	PNS Development

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No.	Title	Description	Date Accomplished	Proponent	Main Purpose
		associations. Information on the minimum quality requirements, classes, and grades, and the parameters used to classify and grade rabbit meat, was determined and compared with the requirements in the USA and EU. This is to ensure that the PNS aligns with international and regional standards while also considering the needs and capacities of the local producers and consumers.			
6	Comparative Evaluation of Durian Grading and Classification System in Davao City Against Codex and ASEAN Standards, and Philippine National Standard (PNS) for Fresh Durian	Through a Resolution No. 02 Series of 2023, the Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fisheries (PCAF) National Sectoral Committee on Fruits and Vegetables (NSC of FV) requested the DA-BAFS to review and amend the PNS for Fresh Fruit-Durian-Specification (PNS/BAFPS12:2004). The request aims to update the PNS with the current durian industry practices and enhance Philippine durian competitiveness in the export market. Considering the request and the age of the PNS, where some of its provisions may be outdated, amending the PNS/BAFPS 12:2004 is necessary. Thus, this study was conducted to provide information on the current quality parameters and specifications of fresh fruit durian in Davao City as input in the review and amendment of the PNS/BAFPS 12:2004. Specifically, the study aimed to evaluate the current local grading and classification system against the Codex Standards for Durian (CODEX STAN 317-2014), ASEAN Standard for Durian (ASEAN STAN 1:2006:Rev 1-2012), and Fresh-Fruit-Durian-Specification (PNS/BAFPS 12:2004). Primary data collection through one-on-one key informant interviews was conducted.	July 5, 2024	BAFS-SDD	PNS Development

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7	Comparative Evaluation of Guidelines and Regulations on Biostimulants among the EU, US, INDIA, and the Philippines	On September 20, 2021, the DA received an alert on the presence of counterfeit microbial biostimulants in the domestic and online markets, which may pose challenges of ineffective or unsafe products. In response to the alert, the DA Office of the Undersecretary-Designate and Chief-of-Staff instructed the DA-BAFS to coordinate with DA-FPA and DA-BSWM to develop a PNS and subsequent regulation on biostimulants. Thus, this study was conducted to collect secondary scientific and technical data to support the development of the PNS on biostimulants. The PNS will be subsequently used by the DA-FPA and DA-BAFS in their respective regulations on synthetic and organic biostimulants, respectively. The general objective of the study was to compare plant biostimulant guidelines and regulations from major producing countries, namely the European Union (EU), United States (US), and India, as well as the Philippines, particularly from the DA-FPA. Secondary information relevant to the study was obtained from online sources.	July 11, 2024	BAFS-SDD	PNS Development
8	Comparative Analysis of the ASEAN and Philippine Code of Good Aquaculture Practices for Food Fish	In 2014, the DA-BAFS established the PNS on Good Aquaculture Practices (GAqP) (PNS/BAFS 135:2014) which is harmonized with ASEAN GAqP for Food Fish. However, in 2022, the ASEAN GAqP for Food Fish was revised to merge it with the ASEAN Shrimp GAP. Thus, the PNS/BAFS 135:2014 needs to be updated to consider the changes in the ASEAN GAqP for Food Fish. To support its review and amendment of PNS/BAFS 135:2014, this study was conducted through a desk review to compare and evaluate the provisions of the PNS/BAFS 135:2014 Code of GAqP against the ASEAN GAqP 2022.	September 5, 2024	BAFS-SDD	PNS Development



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		Specifically, the study described and compared the provisions in the two standards with a focus on site selection, culture management, facilities and sanitation, environmental management, personnel health and hygiene, labor and community, and traceability and recordkeeping.			
9	Comparative Evaluation of Production Practices for the Prevention and Reduction of Cadmium in Cocoa Beans ( <i>Theobroma cacao</i> L.) of Cacao Bean Producers in Davao Region Against Codex Standard	In 2022, the Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Cadmium Contamination in Cocoa Beans (CXC 81-2022) established by the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex) outlines the practices for preventing and reducing Cd levels in cocoa beans from production to transport. Currently, there is no existing PNS equivalent to CXC 81-2022. In 2023, BAFS-SDD identified the adoption of CXC 81-2022 as PNS. Thus, this study was conducted to look into the production practices of local cocoa bean producers and provide information on the current practices during the different phases of production to transport to support the adoption of CXC 81-2022 as PNS. The study aimed to compare the local practices of cocoa bean producers from Davao City with the relevant provisions in CXC 81-2022 following the stages of the cacao value chain, namely: before planting, production to harvesting phase, postharvest phase, and transport phase.	October 30, 2024	BAFS-SDD	PNS Development
10	Risk Profiling of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in Pork by the Filipino Consuming Population	As a background, the 16th Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Food (CCCCF) included PFAS as one of the prioritized contaminants for a full evaluation of the toxicological and exposure assessment by the Joint Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations World Health Organization (FAO/WHO) Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) in April 2023. It was reported that current dietary exposures to PFAS are a food safety concern to humans, and contamination is widespread across the diet.	November 29, 2024	BAFS-SRD	PNS Development

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No.	Title	Description	Date Accomplishe	Proponen	Main Purpose
		<p>Commonly consumed and traded foods, including pork, have been reported to contain PFAS. As a response, the risk profiling of PFAS in pork was prioritized for research in CY 2024, recognizing its importance in safeguarding public health and promoting fair trade.</p> <p>In August 2024, the DA-BAFS conducted a risk assessment of PFAS contamination in pork among the Filipino population. This assessment was based on a review and analysis of available secondary data from relevant local and international scientific sources. The goal was to provide preliminary information about PFAS contamination in pork, the potential health risks for Filipino consumers, and the available control measures.</p>			
11	Comparative Evaluation of Pesticide Maximum Residue Limit (MRL) in Durian ( <i>Durio zibethinus</i> Murr.) Established by Codex, Philippines, and Trading Partners	In 2023, the PCAF NSC-FV passed Resolution No. 03, Series of 2023, entitled "Recommending to the DA through the BAFS the development of PNS of GAP and MRL pesticides on durian". The need to develop the PNS on Maximum Residue Limits (MRL) was emphasized due to China's requirement to use registered pesticides and chemicals during production. In 2024, the DA-BAFS received the request of PCAF. At that time, there was no available information on the MRL of registered pesticides for durian in the Philippines that could serve as a basis for establishing PNS. As a result, this study was conducted to compare the pesticide MRL applicable to durian as established by the Philippines and trading partners with the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex).	December 2, 2024	BAFS-SDD	PNS Development
12	Comparative Evaluation of Fresh Oyster Mushrooms ( <i>Pleurotus</i> spp.) Grading	Harmonization with ASEAN Standards is a Philippine commitment under the Task Force on ASEAN Standards for Horticultural Produce and Other Food Crops (TF-MASHP). In 2023, the DA-BAFS SDD identified ASEAN STAN 35:2014 as	December 4, 2024	BAFS-SDD	PNS Development

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	and Classification Systems in Agusan Del Sur, Nueva Vizcaya, and La Union against ASEAN Standard	<p>a regional standard lacking a PNS. Therefore, developing a PNS for grading and classification of fresh oyster mushrooms was prioritized for the Priority List for Standardization for CY 2025.</p> <p>In April 2024, the DA BAFS-SDD requested the DA-BAFS SRD to conduct research to support the development of a corresponding PNS. Hence, this study was conducted to provide technical information on the local grading and classification systems for fresh oyster mushrooms that will be used as input in the development of a PNS. The objective of the study was to compare the grading and classification systems of fresh oyster mushrooms in Agusan del Sur, La Union, and Nueva Vizcaya with the following provisions of the ASEAN STAN 35:2014: minimum quality requirements, quality classifications, size classifications, quality tolerances, size tolerances, presentation, marking or labeling, contaminants, hygiene, and methods of analysis and sampling. Primary data were collected through face-to-face interviews with 25 oyster mushroom stakeholders.</p>			
13	Risk Profiling of inorganic Arsenic in Meat by Filipino Consuming Population	<p>In 2024, JECFA included arsenic (inorganic and organic) in the list of substances for evaluation. The Codex General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed (CXS 193-1995, amended 2023) and the PNS/BAFS 194:2017 set the acceptable maximum level (ML) for arsenic in various food products, excluding meat. Thus, there is a gap in controlling dietary exposure to arsenic in meat, both in the Codex and PNS standards. While there are other PNS relevant to meat, e.g, PNS/BAFS 163:2015 (Animal Feed Ingredients) and the PNS/BAFS 282:201 (Code of Good Animal Feeding),</p>	December 6, 2024	Codex Committee on Contaminants in Food (CCCCF)/ BAFS-SDD	Position Paper

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		<p>hese standards lacked specific information on managing arsenic, thus raising concerns about potential health risks for consumers. Pending the availability of Codex and PNS standards for arsenic in meat and considering ongoing discussions about the risks associated with consuming arsenic-contaminated meat in Codex, the risk profiling study on arsenic in meat for the Filipino population was initiated and prioritized its completion in 2024. The purpose of this study was to provide information to the BAFS-Standards Development Division (SDD) to guide the inclusion of arsenic in meat in relevant PNS. Relative to this, the study sought to establish information related to the risks associated with consuming meat that is potentially contaminated with arsenic. Scientific literature available online was gathered, and relevant calculations were made to evaluate the arsenic exposure risk considering local data on the consumption of pork and poultry meat. The risk profile was organized following the FAO/WHO (2006) risk analysis framework, which included the identification of data gaps, hazard and food identification, hazard characterization, exposure assessment, risk characterization, and risk management information.</p>			
14	Comparative Evaluation of Practices for the Prevention and Reduction of Mycotoxins Contamination in Cassava ( <i>Manihot esculenta</i> Crantz) in Bukidnon and Misamis Oriental against Codex Standard	<p>During the 2023 Year-End Assessment and Operational Planning, the DA-BAFS SDD conducted an inventory of applicable Codex standards that could be adopted as Philippine National Standards (PNS). This is aligned with the World Trade Organization (WTO) Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Agreement to base the country's SPS measures on existing international standards, guidelines, or recommendations. With this, the Prevention and Reduction of Mycotoxins Contamination in Cassava and Cassava-based Products (CXC 82-2023) was identified as a priority for adoption and subsequently included in the DA BAFS-SDD work priorities for CY 2025</p>	December 12, 2024	BAFS-SDD	PNS Development

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		In April 2024, the DA BAFS-SDD requested the DA BAFS-SRD to conduct research to support the development of a PNS. Hence, this study was conducted to provide technical information on the local practices for the prevention and reduction of mycotoxins contamination in cassava that shall serve as one of the bases for the development of PNS. The objective of the study was to compare the local practices of cassava growers in Bukidnon and Misamis Oriental with CXC 82-2023 on the following stages of the cassava value chain: pre-planting stage (Section 3), planting and pre-harvest stage (Section 4), harvest stage (Section 5), storage (Section 7), packaging (Section 8), and transportation (Section 9). Primary data were collected through face-to-face interviews with 25 cassava growers.			
15	Risk Profiling of inorganic Arsenic in Crustaceans by Filipino Consuming Population	The Philippines, as a member of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex) and a signatory to the WTO's Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Agreement, supports global food safety standards to protect consumer health and ensure fair trade. In line with this, in November 2023, the DA-BAFS SRD prioritized risk profiling of arsenic in crustaceans in CY 2024 recognizing its importance in safeguarding public health and promoting fair trade. This report was drafted to contribute to the development of a relevant country position and a PNS given the dietary and economic importance of crustaceans in the Philippines, concerns over inorganic arsenic, and the limited technical information on the contaminant. The study was conducted to gather relevant information on inorganic arsenic in crustaceans consumed by the Filipino adult consuming population to assist risk managers, such as DA BAFS-SDD as standards-setting agency, and DA BFAR as the competent authority, in the identification, evaluation, and selection of risk management options to appropriately address the food safety issue.	December 11, 2024	CCCCF/BAFS-SDD	Position Paper

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		The general objective of this study was to establish a risk profile for inorganic arsenic in crustaceans consumed by Filipino adult (19-59 years old) consuming population, based on available data. The outline of the risk profile is based on the risk analysis framework of the FAO/WHO, consisting of the following components: (1) data gaps, (2) hazard and food identification, (3) hazard characterization, (4) risk characterization, and (5) risk management information.			
16	Comparative Analysis of Control Measures for Ciguatera Poisoning (CP) in the Philippines Against Codex Alimentarius, USA, EU, and Japan	During the 17th Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF) held from April 15 to 19, 2023, in Panama City, Panama, the DA-BAFS committed to adopting the Code of Practice (COP) for the Prevention and Reduction of CP as a Philippine National Standard (PNS) after its final adoption by the Codex in 2024. As a response, this study was conducted to provide technical information on Philippine measures to control CP. This study compared the measures to prevent and reduce the incidence of CP as implemented in the Philippines with those established by the Codex, USA, EU, and Japan.	December 13, 2024	CCCF	PNS Development
17	Risk Profiling of inorganic Arsenic in Seaweed (Algae) by Filipino Consuming Population	In April 2023, the CCCF included both inorganic and organic arsenic on its priority list for evaluation by JECFA. The CCCF plans to assess inorganic arsenic for potential non-cancer effects and explore the health impacts of organic arsenic. These evaluations aim to guide future risk management regarding arsenic exposure. In response, the DA-BAFS SRD identified arsenic in seaweed as a priority hazard and commodity for risk profile development in 2024 during its Year-End Assessment and Operational Planning Workshop in November 2023.	December 30, 2024	CCCF / BAFS-SDD	PNS Development



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		<p>This report aimed to develop a risk profile based on available secondary data to provide preliminary information on arsenic in seaweed, specifically its contamination pathway, potential health risks, and available control measures. The risk profile of arsenic in seaweed was established through the review and analysis of available secondary data from relevant international scientific sources. The outline of the risk profile is based on the risk analysis framework of the FAO/WHO consisting of the following components: (1) data gaps, (2) hazard and food identification, (3) hazard characterization, (4) risk characterization, and (5) risk management information.</p>			

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1	Preliminary Impact Statement (PIS) for the DA-Bureau of Agricultural Fisheries Engineering (DA-BAFE) Draft Department Circulars	Based on the Proportionality Analysis conducted on the two proposed regulations, the DA-BAFS recommended that DA-BAFE provide their justification for not conducting a Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA).
2	Circular Economy House Bills (HB): HB 8791, HB 9791	The DA-BAFS supported the proposed HB which aims to promote or provide a framework for a circular economy in the Philippines. We emphasized the inclusion of food safety concerns particularly in relation to recycling and reuse of food packaging materials.
4	Draft Executive Order Seeking to Amend the Current Charter of the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA)	The DA-BAFS supported the draft Executive Order that will amend the current charter of the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA) to expand its powers and functions. Specific comments related to food safety, agro-industrialization, use of fishery and agricultural products throughout the text, reference to PPP Law as basis for public-private partnership were provided.
5	Proposed Substitute Bill of National Metrology Act	The DA-BAFS, the standard-setting agency for primary and postharvest foods and machinery, supported the proposed substitute HB which aims to modernize the National Measurement System (NMS) of the Philippines. We recommended the use of internationally accepted definitions for Official Sytem and Officially Recognized System and the involvement of the DA in laboratory accreditation.

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6	Draft Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) - DA - Department of Energy (DOE) Joint Administrative Order (JAO) on 2024 Revised Rules on Granting Special Citizens and Persons with Disability on Purchase of Basic Necessities and Primer Commodities	The DA-BAFS supported the Revised Rules that will grant special discounts to senior citizens and persons with disability on the purchase of basic necessities and prime commodities. The DA-BAFS also recommended the definitions of basic necessities enumerated in Section 2 (a) and (b) be aligned with relevant Philippine National Standards (PNS).
7	Substitute HB re: Proposed Livestock Industry Development	<p>The DA-BAFS supported the substitute HB to improve the competitiveness of the livestock and poultry industry.</p> <p>The DA-BAFS recommended the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Inclusion of relevant provisions on the development of PNS as identified</li> <li>2. Inclusion of organic poultry and livestock in the focus of the substitute bill</li> <li>3. Alignment of definition of terms with the available PNS</li> <li>4. Consistency with the provisions of the FSA 2013</li> </ol>
8	The Philippine Policy and Implementation of the PGS and Policy Options to Expand Organic Agriculture Areas	The DA-BAFS commended the significant information on PGS implementation, policies, and training. Specific comments were provided in the body of the report including the policy options contained in the report .

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9	Substitute HB related to the proposed Livestock Industry Development	The DA-BAFS supported the substitute HB since the Bureau shares the same vision of improving the competitiveness of our livestock and poultry industry. The DA-BAFS provided comments and suggestions to various sections and specifically proposed definition for FRESH MILK.
10	Draft Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Voluntary Code of Conduct (VCoC) for Sustainable Use of Plastics in Agriculture	<p>The DA-BAFS supported the draft document in promoting the sustainable management of plastics and their alternatives in primary agrifood production.</p> <p>The DA BAFS provided comments on the following section:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Structure of VCoC</li> <li>2. Article 1 Scope and Objective</li> <li>3. Article 4 Enabling Environment for Sustainable Use and Management of</li> <li>4. Plastics in Agriculture Article 6 Implementation and Monitoring of the VCoC</li> <li>5. Annex 1 International Legally Binding Instruments Supporting VCoC Implementation</li> </ol>
11	Draft International Legal Instrument Relating to Intellectual Property Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge Associated with Genetic Resources	The DA-BAFS provided comments and inputs in Preambular Statements and Article 3 Disclosure Requirements.
12	Proposed Amendment of Memorandum Order No. 8, Series of 2024, Implementation Guidelines on the Provision of Agricultural Input Support to Section 9 of the FY 2024 GAA	The DA BAFS submitted the proposed amendment to MO. No. 8 s.2024 to clarify terms and definitions used by DA-BAFS in accordance with the OA of 2010 in the regulations of OSA and relevant regulatory documents.

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13	Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Definition of Carcass Weight and Conversion Rates of Offal Livestock and Poultry	<p>The DA-BAFS provided comments on the definition and parameters related to carcass weight and conversion rate not only to reflect the current situation of the industry but to also harmonize these with adopted PNS. It proposed further qualifying edible and non-edible offals and specifying the relevant parts for each.</p> <p>DA-BAFS also proposed definitions for carcass weight (hogs) (based on the PNS on Pork carcass - Product Standard - Grading (PNS/BAFS 326:2022)] and on the carcass weight (chicken) (based on the PNS on Chicken Cuts (PNS/BAFS 285:2019)</p>
14	Draft Revision of the Technical Regulations on Agricultural Machinery	The DA-BAFS recommended the separate definition of PNS/BAFS PABES and PAES to distinguish between PNS and PAES nomenclatures.
15	Updated draft Amendments by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to the Joint DENR-DA-Philippine Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD)-National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) AO No. 01 of 2025 Guidelines on Bioprospecting in the Philippines	The DA-BAFS recommended the inclusion/reference to PNS on Biodiversity-Friendly Agricultural Practices (BDFAP) — Code of Practice (COP) in the draft joint AO

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16	Draft Memorandum for the DA-Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) on the Streamlining of Regulations on Microbial Inoculants and Biological Fertilizer / Biofertilizer	The DA-BAFS submitted the Memorandum addressed to the DA-FPA Executive Director regarding the streamlining of regulations on microbial inoculants and biological fertilizers/biofertilizers for approval of the DA Secretary. The proposed Memorandum aims to harmonize terminologies and streamline regulatory policies in relation to agricultural inputs.
17	HB No. 3247 and HB No. 7045 (Moringa Industry development Act)	The DA-BAFS supports the draft HB as this aligns with our commitment to developing and promoting safe and quality agriculture and fishery products and enhancing their global competitiveness. More specifically, DA-BAFS propose to mention the Department of Trade and Industry - Bureau of Philippines Standards (DTI-BPS) and the Standards Developing Organizations (SDOs) namely DA BAFS, and DOH Food and Drug Administration in the draft HBs to ensure consistency with the mandates of the DA, DOH, and DTI on the development of PNS provided in relevant laws such as RA No. 7394 (Consumer Act of the Philippines) and RA No. 10611 (Food Safety Act of 2013), and the use of result of research as basis for standards development.
18	Rules and Regulations on the Official Certification Scheme for Good Aquaculture Practice (GAqP)	The DA-BAFS supports the establishment of an official certification scheme for GAqP consistent with the Official Inspection and Certification Systems. Furthermore, we propose that the relevant PNS on GAqP covering all farmed aquatic plants and animals be used as the basis for inspection and certification decisions.



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19	Philippines European Union (PH-EU) Free Trade Agreements (FTA)	The DA-BAFS respectfully submits herewith our comments on the following provisions of the SPS and TBT Chapters, which are accessible through this link: SPS Chapter and TBT Chapter. More specifically, the DABAFS provided inputs on the following: SPS Chapter (X5 - Trade Conditions and Facilitation of Trade ); and TBT Chapter (Scope, X3 -Relationship to the TBT Agreement, X4 - Technical Regulations, X5 -Cooperation on Standards)
20	Rules and Regulations Governing the Importation of Agricultural and Fish and Fishery/Aquatic Products: Animal Feeds, Feed Ingredients and Feed Additives: and Fertilizers, Pesticides and Other Agricultural Chemical Products into the Philippines	This provides rules and regulations on the applications for SPS Import Clearance and other regulatory authorizations that cover agriculture and fishery commodities intended for commercial, business, personal use/consumption, and other related purposes.
21	Proposed Draft Department Circular Rules and Regulations on the Registration of Storage Facilities for Agricultural and Fishery Products	The DA-BAFS supports the objective of the proposed Department Circular in setting the unified rules, requirements, and procedures for the registration of storage facilities for agricultural and fishery products; and, in establishing and maintaining a registry system of storage facilities for agriculture and fishery products

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22	Technical Barriers to Trade Chapter of the ASEAN-Canada FTA	<p>In relation to the draft ASEAN-Canada Free Trade Agreement (FTA) shared by the Department of Trade and Industry - Bureau of Philippine Standards (DTI-BPS), we are submitting the comments of the Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (DA-BAFS) on the draft Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Chapter for your consideration and approval. The DA-BAFS provided feedback on the following Articles: Article X.XX: Objectives; Article X.2: Scope; Article X.4: International Standards, Guides, and Recommendations; Article X.XX: Standards; Article X.5: Technical Regulations; and, Article X.6: Conformity Assessment.</p>



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