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**DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR**

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**SUBJECT: Amending the Buying and Selling Prices of Inbred Rice Seeds**

For the guidance of all concerned, the buying and selling prices by the Department of Agriculture (DA) and its agencies, programs and projects for the different classes of NSIC registered inbred rice varieties as contained in the DA Administrative Order No. 6, Series of 2014, are hereby amended as follows:


Seed Class	Price per Kilogram (Php)
Breeder	250.00
Foundation	88.00
Registered	46.00
Certified	38.00

The amended buying and selling of rice seeds shall conform to the following policies:

1. The Department of Agriculture (DA) procurement, selling and distribution of rice seeds shall be in accordance with existing auditing and accounting rules and regulations of the Commission on Audit (COA) and the Government Procurement Act (RA 9184);
2. The DA shall procure only seeds certified by the BPI-NSQCS. Germination test shall be conducted three months after the latest test to ensure that the germination rate is at least 85 percent before selling, procurement, or distribution. However, for the procurement of seed reserve, the germination rate must be at least 90 percent.

This circular supersedes Administrative Order No.06 series of 2014 and all other Administrative Orders inconsistent herewith and shall take effect immediately.

So ordered.

  
**EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL**  
Secretary, Department of Agriculture &  
Chairman, National Seed Industry Council

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**RESOLUTION No. 1**  
**series of 2018**

**Amending the Buying Prices of Inbred Rice Seeds  
for Government Procurement**

**WHEREAS**, the Technical Working Group on Seed Production, Storage and Distribution (TWG-SPSD) of the National Seed Industry Council has the authority to review and recommend prices when deemed necessary;

**WHEREAS**, the present scenario in relation to the current buying and selling prices of commercial palay as well as the resolution to increase price of certified and registered seeds submitted by the National Rice Seed Growers Federation of the Philippines (PhilPalay) prompted the TWG-SPSD to review the current prices of inbred rice seeds;

**WHEREAS**, considering the increase in buying price of fresh palay in many regions and the high inflation rate that affected price of inputs used in seed production, the TWG-SPSD therefore recommends to increase the buying prices of certified, registered, foundation and breeder seeds of inbred rice;

**WHEREAS**, the recommendations were agreed through a thorough deliberation among the TWG-SPSD that involved discussions and consultations with DA-RFOs, seed growers, policy-makers, agricultural economists, and other players in the rice seed industry;

**WHEREAS**, the cost of production, farm gate price from the Philippine Statistics Authority, cost of money, transaction cost, and field and laboratory rejection as agreed by DA-RFOs and institutions were considered to come up with the best price recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the aforementioned parameters, the TWG-SPSD came up with the following prices:

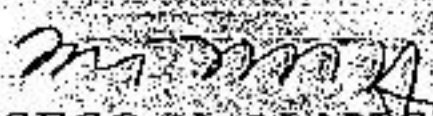
Breeder Seeds	Php 250.00/kg
Foundation Seeds	Php 88.00/kg
Registered Seeds	Php 46.00/kg
Certified Seeds	Php 38.00/kg

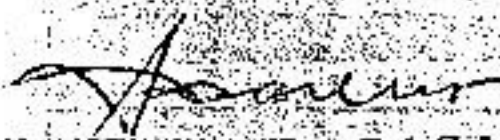
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, the TWG-SPSD recommends to amend the Administrative Order No. 06, series of 2014 and other issuances related to this matter;

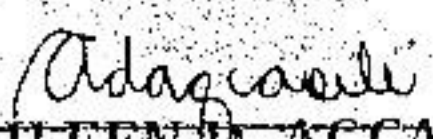
**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the recommended prices are to be implemented starting from the 2019 procurement.

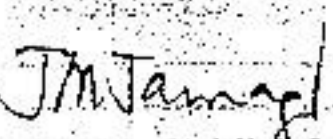
**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that copies of this resolution be furnished in the office of the National Seed Industry Council for their reference and information.


Signed by the following members of the TWG-SPSD during their special meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2018 at East View Hotel, Bacolod City, Negros Occidental;

  
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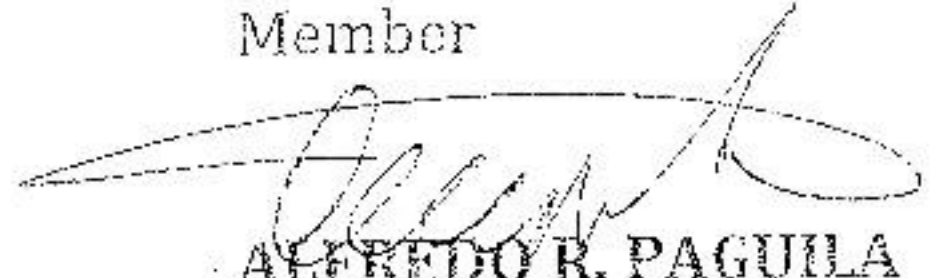
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