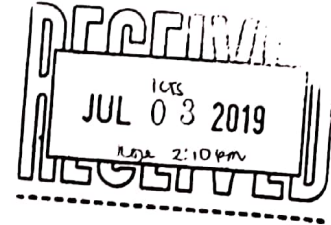




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SUBJECT: REGIONAL GUIDELINES FOR THE PROVISION OF INCENTIVES TO FARMERS AND FARMERS ASSOCIATION/ FARMERS COOPERATIVE SELLING PALAY TO THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY (NFA)

This Memorandum Order provides regional guidelines in the provision of incentives to individual farmers/farmers association/ farmers cooperative selling palay to NFA buying stations. The main objective of this program is to encourage our farmers to sell their produce to NFA and help increase the volume of the country's buffer stock through local procurement.

I. Coverage:

The guidelines shall cover the provision of incentives to individual rice farmers, rice farmers associations/farmers cooperatives selling palay to NFA buying stations within the two (2) cropping period for CY 2019.

II. Mechanics of Implementation:

VOLUME OF PALAY SOLD TO NFA	TYPE OF NON- MONETARY INCENTIVE	REMARKS
For every 3 MT or 60 bags @50kg/bag	One (1) bag certified seeds or One (1) bag fertilizer	At the option/ choice of the farmer
For every 6MT or 120 bags @ 50kg/bag	One (1) bag of hybrid seeds (15-18 kg) or Two (2) bags fertilizer Or Two (2) bags certified seeds	At the option/ choice of the farmer
For every 40MT or 800 bags @50kg/bag aggregate delivery for 2 cropping periods	Farm Machineries/ Equipments (FME) (transplanters/ harvesters/ tractors)	Priority to be granted with available FME
	Small Farm Machineries (SFM) (Hand Tractors/ Reapers/ Floating Tiller/ Seeder, etc.)	Qualified to avail SFM subject to validation based on the existing guidelines of the DA Rice Banner Program

1. All qualified farmers, farmers associations/cooperatives shall present the Certificate of Entitlement issued by NFA for the grant of non- monetary incentives by DA. Cut-off dates per cropping season shall be as follows:

Palay Delivery at NFA Buying Stations	Issuance of COE By NFA	Redemption of Incentive/s at DA
Until April 30, 2019 for summer crop	May 10, 2019	Not later than May 15
Until December 31, 2019 for main crop	January 10, 2020	Not later than January 15

2. For validation purposes, the NFA will provide DA-RFO 4A the list of farmers or organizations/associations/cooperatives who sold palay to NFA indicating the actual volume of palay delivered for every cropping season;
3. The non- monetary incentives in the form of farm machineries and equipment which shall be directly granted to qualified farmers by DA-RFO 4A shall be subject to availability of the units.

III. Funding Requirement

This program shall be funded under the FY 2018 and 2019 Rice Program fund of DA RFO 4A.

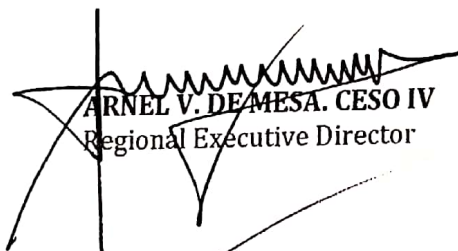
IV. Monitoring and Oversight

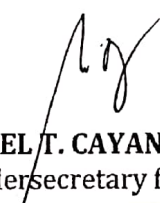
A Joint Technical Working Group (TWG) composed of NFA and DA-RFO IV-A shall be constituted to ensure the successful implementation of the program.

V. Effectivity:

This Memorandum Order shall take effect immediately upon signing and shall supersede other issuances that are inconsistent herewith.

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