



Republic of the Philippines  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**  
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**SPECIAL ORDER**

No. 75  
Series of 2022

**SUBJECT : AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT AND ATTEND VARIOUS ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIC AGRICULTURE DIVISION OF THE BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES STANDARDS (BAFS) FOR CY 2022**

In the exigency of service, and in line with the provisions of the Republic Act (RA) No. 11511, otherwise known as "An Act Amending RA No.10068 or the Organic Agriculture Act of 2010", the **Organic Agriculture Division** of the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS) is hereby authorized to conduct and attend the following activities for the period **January to December 2022**:

Title	Region	Target Month
<b>I. Capacity/Capability building</b>		
1. Capability building for technical personnel conducting monitoring and labeling enforcement activities	NCR	June 2022
2. Capability building for technical personnel conducting evaluation of trial protocol and terminal report	Region XI	May to June 2022
3. Capability building for assessors and inspectors	I, II, III, IV-A, IV-B, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, XIII, CAR, BARMM	April to November 2022
<b>II. Seminars/Workshops/Orientation</b>		
1. BAFS and OA Regulatory Focal Persons Mid-year Assessment	Region III	May 2022
2. Orientation Seminar for Potential and Existing Accreditation Clients (physical and virtual)	I, II, III, IV-A, IV-B, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, XIII, CAR, BARMM	May to November 2022
3. Seminar-Workshop on the Certification of Organic Bio-Control Agents Researchers	Region VII	October 2022
4. BAFS and OA Regulatory Focal Persons Year-end Assessment	Region X	October 2022
5. Stakeholders' Orientation on OA Related Regulations	Region III	October 2022



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<b>III. Data gathering, technical visit, and validation activities</b>		
1. Field visits of approved efficacy trials (organic bio-control agents) for compliance and conformity assessment	I, II, III, IV-A, IV-B, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, XIII, CAR, BARMM	January to December 2022
2. Audits (office and witness; new and surveillance; remote and on-site) and inspections		
3. Monitoring of registered organic operators, and post-market surveillance		
<b>IV. Information dissemination activities on various technical regulations relative to Organic Agriculture</b>		
1. Publication (ad placement) of newly-approved technical guidelines and regulations relative to OA		February to December 2022
2. Printing of various information, education and communication (IEC) materials relative to OA regulations		

Likewise, the BAFS personnel, Technical Working Group (TWG)/Committee Members, BAFS Pool of Evaluators, and DA Pool of Experts who will serve as resource persons/speakers and technical secretariat as enumerated in the relevant Special Orders are hereby authorized to conduct and attend these activities.


Reimbursement and/or payment of food and accommodations, transportation fares, per diems, honoraria of non-DA personnel, venue and vehicle rentals, supplies and materials, various laboratory analyses that will support the monitoring activities of the BAFS and other incidental expenses shall be chargeable against BAFS Regular Funds, subject to the availability of funds and the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

However, Regional Field Offices of the DA and their invited participants, and members from the DA Food Safety Regulatory Agencies (DA-FSRA) may charge their travel expenses and per diems, and other identified expenses to their respective offices' Regular Funds or Organic Agriculture Funds.

This Order shall take effect immediately and remain in force until revoked in writing.

All orders, memoranda, and issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 3rd day of February 2022.

  
**WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.**  
 Secretary

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