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Subject : **PHILIPPINE AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES BIOTECHNOLOGY PROGRAM (DA BIOTECH PROGRAM) UPDATED GUIDELINES AND MANUAL OF OPERATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Philippine Agricultural and Fisheries Biotechnology Program, otherwise known as the DA Biotech Program, promotes the application and utilization of biotechnology as a tool in modernizing agriculture by helping enhance productivity, profitability, and climate change resiliency, eventually helping improve the well-being of Filipinos pursuant to the Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act (AFMA) of 1997;

WHEREAS, the One DA Reform Agenda of the Department of Agriculture embraces the whole of the agriculture and fisheries sector approach in transforming the Philippine agriculture and fishery sector into a modernized and industrialized sector, and promotes eighteen (18) key strategies, which include technology and innovation;

WHEREAS, the DA Biotech Program provides support to policy development and advocacy, institutional capability enhancement; research, innovation, and product development; and public information, education and communication on the use and commercialization or transfer of biotechnologies through collaborative projects and activities;

WHEREAS, the projects and activities supported under the Program are overseen, coordinated, and managed by the DA Biotech Program Office in accordance with DA Administrative Order No. 35, s. 2000 under the guidance of the Program Steering Committee and Technical Committees;

WHEREAS, there is a need to further systematize processes involving projects and activities by updating the Program guidelines as well as formalize operating procedures so that DA interventions on the application of biotechnology are reinforced to support the goals and strategies of the One DA Reform Agenda;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. DAR, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby issue this Administrative Order to prescribe guidelines for projects and activities under the Philippine Agricultural and Fisheries Biotechnology Program, otherwise known as the DA Biotech Program, and formalize standard operating procedures for the guidance of all.

Signed on 7th day of March 2022.


WILLIAM D. DAR, PhD
Secretary

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