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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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SUBJECT : ROLLING OUT OF THE REGISTRATION OF OWNERSHIP OF AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT

Section 19 of Republic Act No. 10601 (Agricultural and Fisheries Mechanization Law) states that: *“All owners of agricultural and fishery machinery and equipment must register these with the agriculture offices of municipal and city government units. The agriculture offices of the LGUs shall establish and maintain a registry of agricultural and fishery machinery at the municipal, city and provincial levels. The DA Regional Agricultural Engineering Division shall maintain a registry of agricultural and fishery machinery at the regional office whereas the BAFE shall maintain a national database of all registered agricultural and fishery machinery. Each office shall ensure that these registries and databases are available through the internet.”* The DA and DILG issued a Joint Memorandum Circular No. 02, Series of 2018¹ to carry-out its implementation.

Moreover, Section 29 of RA 10601 and the DA-CSC-DBM-DILG Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2, Series of 2020², mandate the strengthening or establishment of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering (ABE) Groups/Offices of City and Municipal LGUs, and as part of their functions is to undertake the registration of ownership of agricultural and fishery machinery and equipment.

This registration is vital and necessary in rationalizing the planning and programming of public investment on agricultural fishery machinery as well as in the fuel assistance program for farmers and fisherfolks.

In view of the above, the following directives are hereby issued to accelerate the rolling out of the registration of ownership of agricultural and fisheries machinery and equipment:

- 1) The Bureau of Agricultural and Fisheries Engineering (BAFE), with the assistance of the Regional Agricultural Engineering Divisions (RAEDs) of DA-RFOs shall coordinate, oversee and monitor the registration of ownership of agricultural and fisheries and machinery at the national level;
- 2) The BAFE and RAEDs shall establish and update the national and regional database of all registered agricultural and fisheries machinery and equipment through the Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Management Information System (ABEMIS), respectively. In line with this, Item No. 4 of DA Memorandum Order No. 29, Series of 2019 (Ensuring the Provision and Utilization of Quality, Safe and Viable Agricultural and Fisheries Machinery and Facilities) is hereby deleted.

¹ National Guidelines for the Registration of Ownership of Agricultural and Fisheries Machinery and Equipment

² Implementing Guidelines on the Strengthening and Establishment of the Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Group of the Local Government Units

Moreover, the BAFE shall assign systematic registration numbering to city and municipal LGUs;

- 3) In order for the LGUs to effectively and efficiently carry out the registration of ownership of agricultural and fisheries machinery and equipment at the city and municipal levels, the BAFE and RAED shall:
 - a) Conduct briefings and workshops on the registration procedures and requirements including the establishment and maintenance of registration database at the provincial, city and municipal levels; and
 - b) Assist the LGUs in setting up the registration infrastructures such as the needed manpower, facilities and equipment (QR sticker printers, stickers, etc.), as well as the crafting of the Provincial, City, and Municipal Ordinances. This registration is one of the major activities on strengthening and establishing the ABE Groups/Offices in the Local Government Units. Meantime, in the absence of the ABE Unit or ABE in concerned City and Municipal LGUs, the RAED shall assist in the registration activities.
- 4) All concerned DA Bureaus and attached agencies such as BFAR, NFA, NMIS, BAI, BPI, PhilFIDA, PCA, PhilRice and SRA shall submit their respective registration database to BAFE, pursuant to Item 6.9 (Roles of the National and Regional Government Offices) of the DA-DILG Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2018-02;
- 5) The compliance to this directive shall form part of the Performance Evaluation of the DA Regional Field Offices; and
- 6) The BAFE and DA-RFO-RAED to propose the funding requirement in National Expenditure Program (NEP) 2023 and onwards for the efficient and effective implementation of the registration of ownership of agricultural and fisheries machinery and equipment such as but not limited to the procurement of ICT equipment and supplies, QR sticker printers, capacity building training, travel expenses, information materials.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 22nd day of March 2022.



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