

Memorandum Order

No. 5 Series of 2022

SUBJECT

AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 42, SERIES OF 2022, "IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF NITROGEN-FIXING BIOLOGICAL FERTILIZERS IN RICE AREAS"

For a more efficient implementation on the provision of support for the distribution of nitrogen-fixing biological fertilizers in rice areas, the Item No. V of the Memorandum Order No. 42, Series of 2022 is hereby amended, to read as follows:

V. IMPLEMENTATION

The distribution of nitrogen-fixing biological fertilizers shall be implemented based on the following fund sources/issuance:

1. Memorandum of Agreement between DA and BioTech-UPLB (P58,669,200.00)

A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) has been signed by the DA and the BioTech-UPLB for the P58,669,200.00 worth of nitrogen-fixing biological fertilizers.

Ready to use nitrogen-fixing biological fertilizers will be procured directly from BioTech-UPLB via government to government transaction. The RFOs should be guided with the MOA signed between the Department of Agriculture and BioTech-UPLB regarding the supply of ready to use nitrogen-fixing biological fertilizers for rice (refer to Annex B).

2. National Rice Program regular funds

For RFOs with allocation for nitrogen-fixing biological fertilizers the following options may be implemented:

- a. Ready to use nitrogen-fixing biological fertilizers will be procured directly from the BioTech-UPLB via government transaction.
- b. Procurement of said biological fertilizers for rice can also be transacted through private companies with mixing plants accredited by BioTech UPLB via competitive bidding, still adhering to the stipulations under RA 9184 or the Government Procurement Law.

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A. Distribution of nitrogen-fixing biological fertilizers

- DA-RFOs, in coordination with Local Government Units (LGUs), Provincial/Municipal/City Agriculturist will determine the allocation per province/municipality, schedule of delivery drop-off points in the provinces. DA-RFOs shall be responsible for the monitoring of biological fertilizers/inoculants delivered to drop-off points.
- 2. Ready to use nitrogen-fixing biological fertilizers for rice will be distributed to identified qualified farmers listed under RSBSA.
- 3. LGU-EW shall spearhead the distribution to prospective farmer beneficiaries.
- 4. Farmer-beneficiaries shall acknowledge receipt using Form-1 (Refer to Annex C). The list of farmer-beneficiaries (Form 1) will be certified correct by Municipal/City Agriculturist which will be submitted to DA-RFO.
- 5. DA-RFOs shall ensure that the delivery and distribution of ready to use nitrogen-fixing biological fertilizers will be available in time for the intended cropping season.

All other provisions in Memorandum Order No. 42, Series of 2022 remain in order.

This Memorandum Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force unless revoked in writing. All orders, memoranda, and other issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 20th day of June 2022.

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