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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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MEMORANDUM ORDER

No.: 68

Series of 2022

SUBJECT : AMENDMENT TO THE IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES OF THE FY 2022 FERTILIZER DISCOUNT VOUCHER SUPPORT UNDER THE NATIONAL RICE PROGRAM

This issuance is an update and/or amendment to the previous issuances relative to the implementation of fertilizer discount voucher project of the National Rice Program. Specifically, the following are added to the concerned provisions of the implementing guidelines:

I. IMPLEMENTATION SCHEME

D. Voucher Process

i. Beneficiary Selection, Voucher Generation and Distribution

2. Voucher Generation and Distribution

To determine the voucher value for assistance to be given this 2022-2023 Dry Season, the following computation shall be observed for the voucher value:

$$\text{rice area planted in hectares} \times \text{P6,600}$$

However, to serve more farmers, an eligible farmer-beneficiary can receive a maximum voucher value of PhP13,200.00, equivalent to two (2) hectares.

The area shall be based on any of the following:

- (i) actual area planted reflected in the masterlist of seed beneficiaries;
- (ii) actual area planted based on the masterlist of those validated farmers who planted using their own or self-purchased seeds; and
- (iii) intended area for planting based on the masterlist of farmers who signified their intention to plant for the covered cropping season.

ii. Claiming of Vouchers

1. Farmer-beneficiaries shall personally bring the printed discount voucher together with proof of identification to accredited merchants in claiming of fertilizers.

In cases when a farmer-beneficiary could not personally appear and utilize the discount voucher due to health reasons, special cases like quarantine restrictions, or any

peculiar situations as may be allowed and accepted by the DA-RFO, representatives shall be allowed to use the discount voucher, provided that: (1) an authorization letter shall be duly-approved and with the conformity of a DA-RFO personnel; and (ii) with the submission of the supporting documents by the designated authorized representative/s such as the representative's ID and the photocopy of the farmer-beneficiary's ID.

8. For farmer-beneficiaries who voluntarily opted not to avail the fertilizer discount voucher, they must execute a duly signed waiver.

VI. TIMELINES

The deadline of activities for the fertilizer vouchers generated for the following cropping seasons are as follow:

2022 Wet Season	
Activity	Deadline
Claiming of fertilizers using the voucher	December 11, 2022 (Sunday)
Payment to Merchants	April 28, 2023 (Friday)
2022-2023 Dry Season	
Generation of fertilizer vouchers	December 31, 2022 (Saturday)
Claiming of fertilizers using the voucher	January 31, 2023 (Tuesday)
Payment to Merchants	March 31, 2023 (Friday)

Funds under the unprogrammed appropriations must be obligated by within FY 2022.

In case of extension and/or changes in the timelines, a memorandum duly signed by a competent authority may be issued indicating the adjustments to the abovementioned timelines.

All other provisions unchanged in MO No. 22, 35, 43, and 65 Series of 2022 shall 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 18th day of November 2022.


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