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## DEPARTMENT ORDER

No. 11  
Series of 2023

**SUBJECT: DELINEATION OF FUNCTIONS AMONG THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA) - FERTILIZER AND PESTICIDE AUTHORITY (FPA), BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY (BPI), AND BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES STANDARDS (BAFS) RELATIVE TO IMPORT MAXIMUM RESIDUE LIMIT (MRL) FOR PESTICIDES**

The Philippines, through the DA-FPA, currently applies a 'negative list system' and releases the List of Banned and Restricted Pesticides to provide guidance to pesticide users and the public. Pursuant to Section 16 (Specific Responsibilities of the Department of Agriculture) of Republic Act (RA) No. 10611, also known as the Food Safety Act (FSA) of 2013 on the development and enforcement of food safety standards and regulations; and consistent with the provisions outlined in Department Order (DO) No. 09, series 2023, entitled "Institutionalization of Mechanism for the Establishment, Development, and Regulation of Pesticide MRL," this DO is hereby issued to delineate the roles and responsibilities for managing the pesticide MRL import tolerance level applicable to imported plant foods, to safeguard the well-being of consumers and facilitate trade.

### ARTICLE I OBJECTIVE

Section 1. This Order aims to delineate the functions of the DA-FPA, DA-BPI, and DA-BAFS relative to the management of import tolerance levels for pesticide MRL applicable to fresh and minimally processed plant foods.

### ARTICLE II DELINEATION OF FUNCTIONS ON ESTABLISHMENT OF IMPORT MRL FOR PESTICIDES

Section 2: The BPI shall formulate technical regulations governing import tolerance. These regulations will be based on the Philippine National Standards (PNS) established by DA-BAFS for plant foods.

In collaboration with the DA-FPA, the DA-BPI shall carry out dietary exposure assessments for pesticide MRL associated with the importation of plant foods with pesticide active ingredients not registered in the Philippines.

Section 3: The DA-FPA shall provide the requisite data, including dossiers and risk assessment reports, to support the development of PNS on pesticide MRL of the DA-BAFS and issuance of appropriate technical regulations of the DA-BPI relative to pesticide MRL.



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Section 4: The DA-BAFS shall facilitate the development of PNS on pesticide MRL for plant foods.

### **ARTICLE III SEPARABILITY CLAUSE**

If any part or provision of this Order is held invalid, other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

### **ARTICLE IV REPEALING CLAUSE**

All other Circulars, Orders, issuances, rules, and regulations inconsistent with this Order's provisions are hereby repealed, amended, modified, or superseded accordingly.

### **ARTICLE V EFFECTIVITY**

This Order shall take effect immediately and upon registration with the Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR) and remain in force until revoked or amended.

Done this 06th day of Dec. 2023.

**FRANCISCO TIU LAUREL, JR.**  
Secretary



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