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## MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR No. 10 Series of 2022

TO

ALL TRADERS /MILLS/REFINERIES/BIOETHANOL

PRODUCERS/SUGARCANE PLANTERS/SUGARCANE PLANTERS ASSOCIATIONS/MILL DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS (MDDCs) AND OTHER SUGARCANE INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS

**FROM** 

ENGR. HERMENEGILDO R. SERAFICA

Administrator

DATE

**APRIL 18, 2022** 

SUBJECT

PUBLIC STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTATION ON

DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR ON THE

HARMONIZATION OF TERMS AND STREAMLINING OF

REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR

AUTHORIZATION AND RECOGNITION UNDER THE REGULATORY JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT

OF AGRICULTURE (DA)

The Department of Agriculture (DA) has prepared a Draft Administrative Circular on the above subject matter which intends to (1) harmonize the terminologies in granting authorization and recognition to stakeholders engaged in and/or intending to engage in regulated activities in the agriculture and fisheries sector; (2) streamline the requirements and procedures for granting the same across all DA regulatory agencies; and (3) strengthen regulatory system and effective regulatory coordination among DA and non-DA agencies, and Local Government Units.

This Circular covers products and commodities, persons, business, establishments, and trade and other activities under the regulatory jurisdiction of DA attached agencies. Included in this harmonization and streamlining are the Requirements and Prescribed Procedures for Granting of Licenses, Clearances and Shipping Permits.

Likewise, a national registry of farms and farmers shall be established, maintained and updated annually. This official registry shall facilitate efficient delivery of regulatory services; increased relevance of technical assistance and other support programs and services;



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and strengthen data-driven formulation and implementation of food safety measures, biosecurity protocols, and quality standards.

In preparation for a public consultation, all concerned stakeholders are highly encouraged to give preferential concern on this draft circular and send comments and/or position paper through Google Forms at <a href="https://bit.ly/writtenconsultationharmonization">https://bit.ly/writtenconsultationharmonization</a>.

For more information, you may download the following documents through the links below:

- 1. Policy Brief <a href="https://bit.ly/draftpolicybriefer">https://bit.ly/draftpolicybriefer</a>
- 2. Full Text of the Draft Administrative Circular <a href="https://bit.ly/fulltextdraftcircular">https://bit.ly/fulltextdraftcircular</a>

Within the period of April to May 2022, three virtual consultation meetings will be organized scheduled on May 13 (for crops), May 17 (for livestock), and May 20 (for fisheries). Written consultation will be launched on April 12, 2022 and will be concluded/closed on May 30, 2022 using the website of DA and TWG member agencies prior to the conduct of consultation meetings with target stakeholders. Any interested individual/group may transmit comments, recommendations, and/or manifestations with regards to the draft Circular.

**Registration link** to join the series of consultation meetings will be available through the same platforms and separate email invitations from Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fisheries (PCAF) and Technical Working Group (TWG) memberagencies.

You may contact the following officers for matters relating to their respective areas of concern.

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For your information and guidance.