

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 30 Series of 2020

SUBJECT

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL GUIDELINES ON THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMITY TO **AGRICULTURAL** AND **FISHERIES MACHINERY** AND REGISTRATION AND ISSUANCE OF PERMIT TO OPERATE TO AGRICULTURAL AND **FISHERIES** MACHINERY MANUFACTURERS, FABRICATORS, ASSEMBLERS, DISTRIBUTORS, DEALERS, IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS (MFADDIES)

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2018 and June 17, 2019, the Department of Agriculture has issued Department Circular (D.C.) No. 19, Series of 2018 and D.C. No. 4, Series of 2019, otherwise known as the "National Guidelines on the Issuance of Certificate of Conformity for Agricultural and Fisheries Machinery" and "Guidelines on the Registration and Issuance of Permit to Operate for Agricultural and Fisheries Machinery Manufacturers, Fabricators, Assemblers, Distributors, Dealers, Importers, and Exporters (MFADDIEs), respectively.

**WHEREAS**, Section 18 of D.C. No. 19, Series of 2018 and Section 28 of D.C. No. 4, Series of 2019, states that the said Circulars shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in a newspaper of general circulation, its filing with the UP Law Center, and once BAFE issued a Memorandum Circular on its full institutionalization.

**WHEREAS,** publication in a newspaper of general circulation and filing with the UP Law Center of both Circulars were complied on the following schedule:

Issuance	Submission to UP Law Center	Publication
D.C. No. 19, Series of 2018	January 28, 2019	January 31, 2019 Philippine Daily Inquirer
D.C. No. 04, Series of 2019	July 12, 2019	July 29, 2019 Philippine Daily Inquirer

WHEREAS, DA has likewise issued D.C. No. 06, Series of 2019, also known as the Schedule of Fees and Charges for BAFE Regulatory Services, on October 28, 2019 to cover fees for the issuance of Certificate of Conformity (CC) and Permit to Operate (PTO), among others.

WHEREAS, BAFE and DA Regional Field Offices - Regional Agricultural Engineering Division (DA-RFO-RAED) has already hired, designated and equipped technical and

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administrative staff to facilitate the acceptance and processing of applications for the issuance of CC and PTO.

**WHEREAS**, on April 16, 2020, BAFE issued Memorandum Circular No. 1, Series of 2020, announcing the acceptance of applications for CC and PTO starting July 1, 2020.

**WHEREAS**, given the situation brought about by the occurrence of the COVID-19 pandemic, only a number of transport and courier services are available, thus, BAFE deemed it necessary to postpone the acceptance and processing of applications for CC and PTO:

**WHEREAS**, all applications received by BAFE from July 1, 2020 to October 14, 2020, in compliance with the BAFE MC No. 1, Series of 2020, will only be processed starting October 15, 2020.

WHEREAS, to provide sufficient time for all agricultural and fisheries machinery MFADDIEs to file their application for CC and/or PTO so they can equally participate in bidding for future projects, the CC and/or PTO shall only be required for all government procurement activities that will be undertaken on the following schedule:

Regulatory Document	Schedule Starting January 4, 2021
Permit to Operate  Certificate of Conformity  - Phase I  - Phase II  - Phase III	Starting January 4, 2021 Starting January 3, 2022 Starting January 8, 2024

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SECRETARY WILLIAM D. DAR of the Department of Agriculture in accordance with Republic Act No. 10601, also known as the Agricultural and Fisheries Mechanization Law, hereby issue this Circular advising the public of the acceptance and processing of applications for certificate of conformity and permit to operate starting October 15, 2020 and the subsequent submission of the regulatory documents as one of the requirements during the post-qualification of bidders on the set schedule.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in a newspaper of general circulation and its filing with the UP Law Center.

Done this 14th day of September 2020.

WILLIAM D. DAR, PH.D.
Secretary

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