



Memorandum Order

No. 35

Series of 2023

SUBJECT: REGIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDELINES FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF NATIONAL RICE PROGRAM - FERTILIZER ASSISTANCE FOR RICE FARMERS IN ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA

I. RATIONALE/PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Among the priority commodities for the increase in local food production is the country's food staple - rice. To increase farm productivity and crop yield, the DA promotes the use of high-quality seeds and appropriate fertilizer application.

The DA recognizes the importance of fertilizer application in order to fully maximize the yield potential of a crop or plant. The fertilizer distribution has been one of the activities supported in recent years by the National Rice Program to aid farmers in increasing farm productivity and income.

The DA, through the National Rice Program, continues to utilize innovative means of providing farmers access to agricultural inputs including fertilizer. Thus, the creation of the Fertilizer Assistance for Rice Farmers for 2023 Wet Season and 2023 - 2024 Dry Season.

II. OBJECTIVES

This activity aims to augment the fertilizer applied by farmers for rice production in the targeted areas through the distribution of fertilizer assistance in the form of inorganic fertilizer (urea).

III. SCOPE

The Program shall cover fertilizer assistance under the Production Support Services starting 2023 Wet Season and 2023 - 2024 Dry Season in the rice-producing cities and municipalities in Zamboanga Peninsula.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION SCHEME

A. Program Variables

The following details shall be followed in the distribution of the fertilizer assistance using the following:

Farm Size (in hectare)	No. of Bags (50kgs/bag)
0.10 - 0.35	1
0.36 - 0.65	2
0.66 - 1.00	3



In order to facilitate the necessary preparations, the Rice Program will base the number of bags to be distributed based on the submitted liquidation lists from the Office of the City / Municipal Agriculturist.

Due to the budgetary constriction, the following shall be the criteria for the prioritization of the beneficiaries:

- Priority 1. Farmers who have received **Hybrid Rice Seeds** (DA IX Rice Program)
- Priority 2.1. Farmers who have received **Certified Rice Seeds** (RCEF - PhilRice)/LGU-procured in **Irrigated Areas**
- Priority 2.2. Farmers who have received **Certified Rice Seeds** (RCEF - PhilRice)/LGU-procured in **Favorable Rainfed Areas**

Only farmers that are registered under the Registry System for Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA) and encoded in the Farmers and Fisherfolk Registry System (FFRS) shall be eligible to receive this support. Farmer-beneficiaries will be extracted using FIMS using the Fertilizer Support module.

The area shall be based on the actual area planted reflected in the liquidation list of seed beneficiaries. Should the actual area or intended area for planting exceed the area reflected in the encoded FFRS, the area registered in the FFRS shall be followed.

B. Claiming of Fertilizers

Farmer-beneficiaries shall personally bring their **valid government proof of identification** in the claiming of fertilizers (attached in Annex A).

In cases when a farmer-beneficiary could not personally appear and claim the fertilizer assistance due to health reasons, senior (age 60 and above), pregnant, with different disabilities (PWD), deprived of liberty (PDL), or working overseas (OFW) or in other parts of the country and any other cases as may be approved by the head of the National Rice Program, authorized representatives shall be allowed to claim the said fertilizers, provided that: (i) an authorization letter (Refer to Annex B); and (ii) with the submission of the supporting documents by the designated authorized representative/s such as the representative's ID and the certified true copy of the farmer-beneficiary's ID.

Farmer Cooperatives and Associations (FCAs) may be authorized to claim fertilizer of their farmer members provided that a duly signed resolution nominating the FCA's authorized representative, and the list of member beneficiaries is passed and submitted as part of the documentary requirements.

V. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The DA-RFO will undertake the gathering of the necessary data in coordination with the Municipal/City Agriculturists, Provincial Agriculturists, and assigned Local Farmer Technicians (LFT).



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VI. AMENDMENT CLAUSE

This Regional Supplemental Guidelines may be reviewed, amended, or supplemented as the need arises provided that such amendment must be approved by the Undersecretary of the Rice Industry Development.

VII. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

If any clause, sentence, or provision of the Regional Supplemental Guidelines shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

Done this 19 day of May 2023.


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Regional Executive Director

Approved / Disapproved:


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Undersecretary for Rice Industry Development



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Annex A.
List of Acceptable Identification Documents

Alien Certification of Registration (ACR)
Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) ID
Association-issued ID
DA-issued ID
Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)
Department of Labor and Employment (DSWD)-issued ID
DSWD Certificate
Driver's License
Employment ID (Government and Private)
Firearm License Card
Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) e-Card Plus
Home Development Mutual Fund (HDMF) Card
Immigrant Certificate of Registration (ICR)
Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) ID
LGU-issued ID
National ID
National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) Clearance
National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons (NCWDP) Certification
Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW) ID
Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) ID
Passport (Local or Foreign)
PhilHealth ID
Police Clearance (electronic)
Postal ID
Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) ID
Seafarer's ID and Record Book
Senior Citizen ID
Social Security System (SSS) ID
Student ID (for non-voting/minor age students)

- Must be currently enrolled.
- Must present original and submit a clear copy of photo-bearing ID duly signed by the principal or head of the school

Tax Identification Number (TIN) ID
Unified Multi-Purpose ID (UMID)
Voter's ID
Voter's Certification
Other IDs that may be approved by the DA for use e.g. Indigenous Peoples' ID, PWD ID, etc.



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Annex B
Authorization Letter

[LGU letterhead]

AUTHORIZATION

I, _____(name of farmer-beneficiary)_____, is authorizing Mr./Ms./Mrs.
_____(name of representative)_____, who is my
_____(relation)_____ to claim the fertilizer allocated to me due to
_____(reason)_____.

Sincerely,

[NAME OF FARMER-BENEFICIARY]

Noted:

[Name of City/Municipal Agriculturist]



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Annex C.
Liquidation List

Department of Agriculture
 Region: IX
 LIST OF FARMER-BENEFICIARIES
 PROGRAM/PROJECT: REGULAR

PROVINCE: _____
 MUNICIPALITY: _____

BARANGAY: _____
 TYPE OF AGRICULTURAL INPUT: FERTILIZER

Organization: _____
 Cropping Season: _____

No.	RSBSA Registration Number	Name				Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY)	LOCATION OF FARM (Barangay)	MOBILE NUMBER	Gender (M/F)	Senior Citizen (Y/N)	Indigenous People (Y/N)	PWD (Y/N)	Farm Area (ha)	Fertilizer Received	No. of Bags Received	Date Received	Signature
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 IA/Coop President/Chairman Agricultural Technician City/Municipal Agriculturist CAFC/MAFC Provincial Agriculturist