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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

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SUBJECT: INCREASED BUYING AND SELLING PRICES OF INBRED SEEDS FOR WET SEASON 2024

With the increasing cost of production and high buying price of palay in the recent months, the buying and selling prices by the Department of Agriculture (DA) and its agencies, programs, and projects for the *Certified Seeds* of NSIC-registered inbred rice varieties are hereby increased by three pesos (PhP3.8) per kg, thereby raising the price to forty-one pesos (PhP41.8) per kilo.

The amended buying and selling of certified inbred rice seeds shall conform to the following policies:

1. The DA procurement, selling and distribution of certified rice seeds shall be in accordance with existing auditing and accounting rules and regulations of the Commission on Audit (COA) and the Government Procurement Act (RA 9184);
2. Registered or accredited seed growers, associations, cooperatives, and members of the Seed Production Network (Seed Net) shall supply the required inbred certified seeds to be procured in packs of 5kg, 10kg, 20kg, and 40kg.
3. The packaging shall be in standard labeling as prescribed by the Bureau of Plant Industry - National Seed Industry Council (BPI-NSIC) Seed Production, Processing, Storage, and Distribution Technical Working Group;
4. The DA shall procure only seeds certified by the BPI - National Seed Quality and Certification Service (NSQCS). Germination test shall be conducted three months after the latest tests to ensure that the germination rate is at least 85 percent before selling, procurement, or distribution. However, for the procurement of seed reserve, the germination rate must be at least 90 percent.

This order supersedes all other issuances inconsistent herewith and shall be effective for procuring the requirements for Wet Season 2024, subject to publication on the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation. Review of the pricing shall be conducted prior the end of the said season to determine the necessity to adjust prices in the succeeding seasons.

Done this 15th day of February 2024.


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Secretary



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