



Memorandum Circular

No.: 12
 Series of 2024

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 48, SERIES OF 2023 OR THE “REVISED IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF NATIONAL RICE PROGRAM - FERTILIZER ASSISTANCE FOR RICE FARMERS”

In the exigency of the service and to facilitate a more efficient delivery of fertilizer assistance to our rice farmers, Section 6.1. Voucher/IMC details are hereby amended to read as follows:

6.1. Voucher/IMC Details

The details in the implementation of Fertilizer Assistance shall have the following specifications:

Fertilizer Category	Allowed Fertilizer Grades to be Claimed	Governing Regulatory Office
<i>Inorganic Fertilizers</i>	<i>All inorganic fertilizers for rice/palay</i>	<i>FPA</i>
<i>Biological fertilizers or microbial inoculants</i>	<i>From the list of registered products in the market, DA-Regional Field Offices shall pre-qualify all biofertilizers/ microbial inoculants interested in participating in the biofertilizer project. Guidance in the selection of the biofertilizers and microbial inoculants shall adhere to the criteria reflected in Annex C.</i>	<i>FPA and/or BAFS</i>

Note: Foliar fertilizers are not considered under this project.

All fertilizers to be availed under the project must be registered under the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) targeted to rice while the microbial inoculants must be registered under the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS).

These fertilizers must have undergone fertilizer derbies/trials/studies and participated in technology/field demonstrations conducted by the DA-PhilRice, DA-RFOs, IRRI, or any Research Institution.



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The value of vouchers/IMCs shall be issued separately through a Memorandum signed by the Office of the Undersecretary for Rice Industry Development or competent authority.

Specific to biofertilizers and microbial inoculants, qualified biofertilizers shall be published on the DA-RFO website provided to all clustered farmers.

Farmers in the cluster areas shall have the option of which biofertilizer/microbial inoculant shall be availed based on the list provided by the DA-RFO. The following shall be observed on the number of biofertilizers that can be availed, depending on the cluster area:

Particulars	Cluster Area
<i>(1) kind of biofertilizer/ microbial inoculant</i>	<i>less than 100 hectares</i>
<i>One to two (2) biofertilizers and/or microbial inoculants</i>	<i>more than 100 hectares</i>

This is also to add a provision specific to the process of claiming biofertilizers/microbial inoculants using printed vouchers under Section 6.7.5.4, to read as follows:

Specific in the claiming of biofertilizers and/or microbial inoculants, if the farmer-beneficiary will no longer consummate the voucher value at 100%, only the amount claimed shall be paid to the merchant, of which the remaining amount shall be reverted to the Program funds, subject to generation of vouchers.

Further, Section 6.9. Payment Discrepancies, specifically on 6.9.1 Overpayment to Merchants shall be amended to read as follows:

Merchants shall issue a debit authority addressed to their servicing bank indicating the amount to be returned and the concerned DA-RFO's Program Fund Account source where the debit will be transacted or through a deposit slip to settle the amount declared as overpayment.

This Amendment to the Memorandum Circular shall be effective 15 days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation and shall remain in force unless revoked by a competent authority.

Done this 8th day of April, 2024.

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