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**MEMORANDUM ORDER** 

No. 44

Series of 2024

SUBJECT:

CLARIFICATION ON CSO ACCREDITATION UNDER MEMORANDUM

CIRCULAR NO. 22, SERIES OF 2024 (ACED) SERVICE

**WHEREAS**, Memorandum Circular No. 22, Series of 2024 creating the Interim Agricultural Cooperative Enterprise Development (ACED) Service at the Central Office and Interim Division at the Regional Office was signed last June 04, 2024 and was published last July 08, 2024 in the Official Gazette;

**WHEREAS**, Item A.4, under the Functions of the ACED Service-CO/ACED Division-RFO, states: "Shall be responsible for the processing, validation, and accreditation of Civil Society Organizations (CSO) seeking financial assistance and technology support from the Department" shall be held in abeyance until the ACED is fully organized at the Central Office;

**WHEREAS**, the Interim ACED Service is yet to hire personnel and capacitate them with the processes of CSO-accreditation, among other things;

**THEREFORE**, it is hereby clarified that, in the meantime, the accreditation of Civil Society Organizations (CSO) shall remain with the National Technical Committee, with the PCAF Executive Director serving as Chairperson under Article II, DA Administrative Order No. 13, Series of 2020, until ACED personnel are fully capacitated and the CSO Accreditation Guidelines are revised.

SO ORDERED.

Done this 8th day of October 2024.

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Secretary





