



September 4, 2001

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE**

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**UNDERSECRETARY ERNESTOM M. ORDONEZ**

SUBJECT : Submission of Administrative order (AO) on “Adoption and Enforcement of Volume 1 of the Philippine Agricultural Engineering Standards”.

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Respectfully submitting the attached Draft Administrative order on “Adoption and Enforcement of Volume 1 of the Philippine Agricultural Engineering Standards”.

Republic Act. No. 7394, otherwise known as the Consumer Act of the Philippines enacted in 1992 assigning standards development and enforcement functions to three agencies, namely: Department of Agriculture (agricultural products), Department of Health (drugs, cosmetics, devices and substances), and Department of Trade and Industry (other products not covered by the two agencies).

DA-Administrative Order No. 11, Series of 2001 dated 30 May 2001 on subject: Implementation of the National Agriculture and Fisheries Mechanization Program states that “Standard specifications and test procedures of agricultural and fisheries machinery shall be developed. AMTEC, in partnership with the Philippine Society of Agricultural Engineers (PSAE) and concerned DA agencies shall be charged with the formulation and development of the official agriculture and fisheries machinery standards. Such standards to be known as the “Philippine Standards for Agriculture and Fisheries Machinery” shall be subjected to public hearings by the NAFC, through its Agricultural and Fisheries Mechanization Committee (AFMeC), prior to its approval by the Secretary of Agriculture. The standards shall conform with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) requirements.”

The Agricultural Machinery Testing and Evaluation Center (AMTEC), with funding from the Bureau of Postharvest Research and Extension (BPRES) and the Bureau of Agricultural Research (BAR), drafted thirty eight (38) Agricultural Engineering Standards in partnership with the Philippine Society of Agricultural Engineers (PSAE), the Agricultural Machinery Manufacturers and Distributors’ Association (AMMDA) the Bureau of Product Standards (BPS) of the Department of Trade and Industry, and other agencies.

The draft agricultural engineering standards have undergone extensive technical review and public hearing. Of the thirty eight (38) draft standards, thirty five (35) are hereby recommended for adoption by the Department of Agriculture as Philippine Agricultural Engineering Standards.

For your approval.

  
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