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**NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES MACHINERY ASSEMBLERS,
MANUFACTURERS, IMPORTERS, DISTRIBUTORS AND DEALERS ACCREDITATION
AND CLASSIFICATION (NAMDAC) BOARD**

RESOLUTION NO. 16
Series of 2022

RECOMMENDING TO THE AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY TESTING AND EVALUATION CENTER (AMTEC) TO REQUIRE THE PROVISION OF OPERATOR'S MANUAL PRIOR TO THE TESTING OF ALL AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT PROCURED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

WHEREAS, Article V Section 18 of RA No. 10601 otherwise known as the Agricultural and Fisheries Mechanization Law states that agricultural and fisheries machinery and equipment shall undergo and pass the prescribed quality and performance standards to be tested and evaluated by the AMTEC before assembling, manufacturing, and being commercially sold and distributed to the local market;

WHEREAS, DA Department Circular No. 5, Series of 2017 or the "National Guidelines on Testing and Evaluation of Agricultural and Fisheries Machinery" promulgates that testing and evaluation of agri-fisheries machinery and equipment shall primarily be in accordance with PNS/PAES whenever it is available, otherwise, the machine may be tested using the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) or other recognized testing standards such as the Operator's Manual;

WHEREAS, during the NAMDAC Midyear Performance Review held on July 6, 2022, one of the reported issues and concerns that are raised by DA beneficiaries is the lack and/or non-provision of Operator's Manual of some agri-fisheries machinery and equipment;

WHEREAS, without the Operator's Manual, the beneficiaries and end-users may experience mishandling of equipment, missed information on maintenance and calibration of equipment, and lack of knowledge on general safety and hazards

WHEREAS, the situation could also result in rapid wear and decrease durability of machine parts or components, damaged equipment, frequent malfunctions, decreased productive life and abrupt deterioration of the equipment quality, as well as increased risks to machine operators;

WHEREAS, the body emphasized that the requirement to provide the Operator's Manual shall be imposed for all agri-fisheries machinery and equipment being procured by DA; hence the manual shall be required by AMTEC for all agri-fisheries



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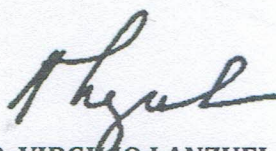
machinery and equipment before testing even in the presence of PNS/PAES, ISO or other recognized alternatives for testing;

WHEREAS, the AMTEC shall suspend the testing and evaluation of agri-fisheries machinery and equipment in the absence of the Operator's Manual.

WHEREAS, in addition to ensuring that all agri-fisheries machinery and equipment distributed in the Philippine market are properly tested and evaluated according to pre-set qualifications, AMTEC could also ascertain that appropriate references on the proper handling, operation and care instructions of the machines will be available for end-users.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the NAMDAC Board recommends to the AMTEC to require the provision of Operator's Manual prior to the testing of all agricultural and fisheries machinery and equipment procured by the DA.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED during the NAMDAC Mid-Year Performance Review with the NAMDAC Board and stakeholders conducted on 6th July 2022 via blended method.



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