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Memorandum Order No. <u>b2</u> Series of 2020

SUBJECT

## ADOPTION OF THE 2019 REFERENCE MANUAL OF AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, Section IV of the Memorandum Order No. 26, Series of 2016, on the "General Guidelines in the Provision of Agricultural Production, Postharvest and Processing Machinery and Equipment", states that technical specifications for the agricultural production and postharvest equipment will be referred to PAES and that a Reference Manual of Agricultural Machinery and Equipment (Compendium) shall be provided to the RFOs for guidance;

WHEREAS, in compliance to the aforementioned provision of MO No. 26, the Bureau of Agricultural and Fisheries Engineering (BAFE) issued a Reference Manual of Agricultural Machinery and Equipment, commonly known as the "Compendium", which served as a guide or reference of the Regional Field Offices (RFOs) in the preparation of appropriate specifications of machine and equipment intended to help minimize the occurrence of failed and negotiated bidding, thus facilitating the timely distribution of agricultural machinery and equipment;

**WHEREAS,** the Manual initially covered the priority machinery identified for 2016 and 2017 procurement under the Rice, Corn, and High-Value Crop Programs while there are still a variety of other machinery procured by DA-RFOs and the DA Bureaus and attached Agencies and Corporations;

WHEREAS, an update on the document was initiated taking into consideration other existing and emerging machinery under the Agricultural and Fisheries Machinery, Equipment and Facilities Support Services (AFMEFSS) of all programs under or attached to the Department;

**WHEREAS,** a workshop for the updating of the Manual was conducted by BAFE in collaboration with the Agricultural Machinery Testing and Evaluation Center (AMTEC), the Regional Agricultural Engineering Division (RAED) of the RFOs, the DA Banner Programs, and other DA Bureaus and attached Agencies and Corporations.



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**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, **William D. Dar, Ph.D., Secretary** *of the Department of Agriculture,* in accordance with the General Guidelines in the Provision of Agricultural Production, Postharvest and Processing Machinery and Equipment of 2016, hereby issue this Order on the implementation and institutionalization of the "2019 Reference Manual of Agricultural Machinery and Equipment".

This Order shall take effect immediately upon approval and shall repeal all issuances inconsistent herewith.

Done this  $3^{rd}$  day of January 2020.

Approved:

WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D. Secretary an

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