



Republic of the Philippines
MIMAROPA Region
Province of Occidental Mindoro
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 92
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**AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE AGRICULTURAL AND BIOSYSTEM ENGINEERING (ABE)
OFFICE OF THE PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO UNDER THE PROVINCIAL
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, DEFINING ITS DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, RA 7160 otherwise known as Local Government Code of 1991 provides that provinces shall establish an agricultural extension and on-site research services and facilities, and infrastructure facilities intended to service the needs of its residents and which are funded out of provincial funds including, but not limited to irrigation system;

WHEREAS, Section 46 of RA No. 8435 also known as Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act of 1997 encourages LGUs to further strengthen agricultural engineering groups to provide the necessary technical and engineering support in carrying out the smooth and expeditious implementation of agricultural infrastructure project.;

WHEREAS, RA No. 10601 also known as Agriculture and Fisheries Mechanization Law of 2013 and RA No. 8435 envisions to modernize and mechanize the Philippine agriculture and fisheries sector in order to alleviate poverty and ensure national food security;

WHEREAS, EO No. 66 or the Food Security Act enables the Local Chief Executive to set up an agricultural engineering unit to complement the extension services along with its principal purpose of providing for budgetary appropriations under the local development plan of the province for the Provincial Food Security Action Plan;

WHEREAS, Section 34 of RA No. 10915 also known as Philippine Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Act of 2016 provides that LGUs implementing, regulating, funding, and undertaking research, development, training and extension, testing, evaluation and inspection as well as technical audit irrigation, farm mechanization, post-harvest and agro-processing facilities, agricultural and biosystems infrastructures, farm-to-market roads, etc. shall employ the required number of agricultural and biosystems engineers, and create various levels of agricultural and biosystems engineer positions;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 29 of RA No. 10601 and its IRR in relation to RA No. 10915, ABE units shall be responsible for planning, coordinating, regulating, and implementing agricultural, fisheries and biosystems engineering, mechanization and infrastructure programs and projects at the provincial level;

WHEREAS, LGUs have a very crucial role in the implementation of the aforementioned legislations which involves provision, establishment, strengthening, operation and maintenance, research and development, extension, and/or regulation and the funding of irrigation, post-harvest and agro-processing, farm to market roads, agricultural and fisheries machinery, infrastructure and facilities which are within the sphere of agricultural and biosystems engineering.

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing, there is a need to establish Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering (ABE) Office in the Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro;

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDUARDO B. GADIANO, Governor of Occidental Mindoro, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the establishment of Agricultural and Biosystem Engineering Office of the Province of Occidental Mindoro under the Provincial Governor's Office.

Section 1. ESTABLISHMENT. The Agricultural and Biosystem Engineering Office of the Province of Occidental Mindoro under the Provincial Governor's Office is hereby established. It shall be responsible for engineering plans, designs, and specifications; program and project management; and standards regulation, and enforcement.

Section 2. FOCAL PERSON OF ABE OFFICE. For the above purpose, the Focal Person of the Agricultural and Biosystem Engineering (ABE) Office is hereby designated, to wit:

Focal Person : **Engr. ALRIZA C. ZUBIRI**
Sr. Agriculturist

Section 3. POWERS, FUNCTIONS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES. The ABE Office shall perform the following functions:

- a. Provide agricultural and biosystems engineering services which include engineering survey, preparation and evaluation of plans, designs, technical specifications, feasibility studies and cost estimates/program of work of irrigation, soil and water conservation and management, small water impounding, small farm reservoir, farm machinery, slaughterhouses, auction markets, poultry dressing plants, post-harvest facilities, auction markets, farm-to-market roads and other agricultural, fisheries and biosystems infrastructure projects of the LGUs;
- b. Administer, supervise, and coordinate the construction, operation, maintenance, improvement and management of irrigation, soil and water conservation and management, small water impounding, small farm reservoir, farm machinery, slaughterhouses, auction markets, poultry dressing plants, and other agricultural fisheries and biosystems projects of the province;
- c. Undertake the registration of agricultural and fishery machinery and facilities, enforcement of the PAES/PABES and other agricultural, fishery and biosystems engineering regulatory activities in coordination and collaboration with RFO-RAED, concerned national government agencies and other offices of the province. In line with this, the ABE unit shall:
 - c.1 Provide assistance to BAFE through the RFO-RAED on the validation and surveillance of applications relative to the issuance of Permit to Operate to small and medium sized agricultural and fishery machinery and equipment manufacturer, fabricators, assemblers, and importers;
 - c.2 Monitor the compliance on the provision of after-sales service and warranty of concerned agricultural and fisheries machinery assemblers, manufacturers, importers, suppliers, distributors and dealers in their respective locality in collaboration with BAFE;
 - c.3 Maintain and regularly update the data bank on irrigation, post-harvest, agricultural machinery and agricultural, fishery and biosystems infrastructure projects at all local levels;
 - c.4 Conduct inspection, performance, testing and evaluation of agricultural, fisheries and biosystems machineries and equipment procured by the LGUs in coordination and collaboration with the RFO-RAED and AMTEC;

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management, and farm electrification and bio-energy development as part of the agricultural and fisheries modernization, environmental protection and food security program of the provincial LGU.

Section 4. TRANSITION. In the initial stage of the establishment of Agricultural and Biosystem Engineering (ABE) Office, the Provincial Engineer's Office shall provide technical support to ABE Office in the performance of its duties and functions until such time that its personnel is already capable and equipped with the necessary technical knowledge and expertise.

Section 5. FUNDING. The funding necessary for the implementation of this Executive Order shall be included in the annual budget appropriations of the Provincial Governor's Office.

Section 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid for any reason, the parts not affected thereby shall remain valid and in full force and effect.

Section 7. REPEALING CLAUSE. All Executive Orders, Rules and Regulations issued by this province which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed, superseded or modified accordingly.

Section 8. EFFECTIVITY. This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE at the Provincial Capitol, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro this 1st day of December 2020.


EDUARDO B. GADIANO
Governor