

## REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PHILIPPINE COCONUT AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 17
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**SUBJECT** 

AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL ANALYTICAL SERVICES TO BE OFFERED BY THE PCA LABORATORY SERVICES DIVISION

AND PRESCRIBING FEES THEREFOR

WHEREAS, the PCA- Laboratory Services Division (PCA-LSD), merged from the two (2) Divisions of the Agency as a result of the implementation of EO 366 in 2014, currently caters the analytical laboratory services' needs of the coconut and other food and agricultural industries; mainly, it assists its coconut stakeholders to comply with the national and international standards for quality and safety purposes;

WHEREAS, the PCA-LSD which has been recently awarded ISO 17025:2017 accreditation, thereby, there is a need to sustain its requirements and activities;

WHEREAS, the DOF-DBM-NEDA Joint Circular No. 1-2013, dated January 30, 2013, is issued to promulgate the rules and regulations implementing Administrative Order No. 01 October 2012, directing and authorizing all departments, bureaus, commissions, agencies, offices and instrumentalities of the nation government, including GOCCs, to rationalize the rates of their fees and charges, increase their existing rates and impose new rates and charges, as necessary, while streamlining the process of revision;

WHEREAS, in the said DOF-DBM-NEDA Joint Circular, Section 5.3., it is said that the new/ revised rates shall, as much as possible, be uniform for similar or comparable services and functions offered by other government entities, and comparable to other private entities;

WHEREAS, in the said DOF-DBM-NEDA Joint Circular, Section 7.1, in the case of GOCCs, the new / revised rates shall be approved by their governing board;

WHEREAS, the PCA- Laboratory Services Division (PCA-LSD) computes for the laboratory fees following as basis section IV, Bases of Computation, of DOST Administrative Order 01, series of 2014, wherein the fee is the sum of personnel services (PS) and maintenance and other operating expenses (MOOE), using present costs of services;

WHEREAS, per BIR RULING No. 18-2000 & DA-494-2003 based on Section 32(B)(7)(b) of Tax Code of 1997, the income of PCA from exercise of its governmental functions shall be exempt from corporate income tax;

WHEREAS, the recommended laboratory fee is inclusive of margin of profit which is the sum of the inflation rate of 6-7% and minimal revenue of 3%, to help sustain the operation of the laboratory;

CONTROLLED

NOW, THEREFORE, foregoing premises considered, the additional analytical laboratory services with their corresponding laboratory fees are hereby adopted and prescribed as follows:

## Section 1. SCHEDULE OF ADDITIONAL ANALYTICAL LABORATORY SERVICES AND CORRESPONDING LABORATORY FEES

| 1. Chemical Analysis   | Fees       |
|--|------------|
| a. Fatty Acid Profile of vegetable oils     b. Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH) of vegetable oils | P7,000.00  |
| (chrysene, benzo [a] pyrene, benzo [a] anthracene, benzo [b] fuoranthane)                              | P12,500.00 |
| 2. Microbiological Analysis  |            |
| a. Fecal streptococcus (all water and soil)  | P800.00    |
| b. Pseudomonas aerogenoso (all water only)   | P900.00    |
| c. Enterobacteria (food and all water)   | P950.00    |

**Section 2. REPEALING CLAUSE**. All existing orders, circulars or guidelines inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**Section 3. EFFECTIVITY.** This Order shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Issued this 30th day of June 2022.

BENJAMIN R. MADRIGAL JR.

\*Approved per PCA Board Resolution No. 031-2022.