

**[PCA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 03, SERIES
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**IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE
REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION OF OIL PALM NURSERIES**

WHEREAS, integral to the state policy enunciated in Presidential Decree No. 1468 is to promote the integrated development and growth of the coconut and other palm oil industry in all its aspects and to ensure that the stakeholders become direct participants and beneficiaries of such development and growth;

WHEREAS, in the implementation of the declared national policy, the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) is mandated by law to formulate and adopt a general program of development for the coconut and other palm oil industries in all its aspects;

WHEREAS, the PCA, in consultation with the stakeholders, has formulated a national complementary development program for the palm oil industry, which includes PLANTING and REPLANTING PROJECTS to increase local oil palm hectarage and production with high quality planting materials to attain self sufficiency in the supply of palm oil product;

WHEREAS, to attain the foregoing objectives, there is a need for the registration and accreditation of suppliers of planting materials to ensure that only the best quality and productive seedling/planting materials may be used for the development projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, the following rules and regulations are hereby promulgated:

SECTION 1. Definition of Terms

a) **Oil Palm Nursery** - any establishment engaged in the propagation of oil palm seedlings obtained locally or through importation, which is intended for sale or other forms of disposal.

Accredited nursery is a nursery that is certified by PCA to have established the capability and capacity to propagate high quality planting materials sufficient for not less than 300 planting hectarage and for the purpose of supplying the same by sale or other forms conveyance as planting materials for the planting and replanting projects under these rules and regulations.

b) **Nursery Inspection Agreement** - a written agreement between the PCA and the nursery applicant whereby the latter or the nursery operator shall allow the PCA inspection team to enter the nursery premises to

inspect and verify compliance with the requirements or prescribed guidelines in the production and propagation of high quality planting materials.

c) **Registration** is the official recording and initial recognition of a person, partnership, firm or juridical entity intending to establish an oil palm nursery as prerequisite prior to commercial propagation, sale or distribution of such planting materials for whatever purpose.

d) **Accreditation** is a recognition certified by and granted by the accreditation body of the PCA to a registered nursery operator who meets the requirements and qualifications of an accredited nursery as defined in paragraph I (a) of this rules.

e) **Council** refers to the Philippine Palm Oil Development Council, Incorporated, or PPDCI, herein recognized by the PCA as a private association representing the general stakeholders of the palm oil industry.

f) **Oil Palm Nursery Cycle** the oil palm nursery operation period beginning from the setting of germinated seeds up to the distribution of the seedlings for planting, which period, however, does not exceed 14 months from sowing;

g) **F1 planting materials** are those that grow from seeds taken from the mother palms which have been pollinated by artificial means using pollens from desirable male palms, which bear the desirable characteristics of the parent materials.

F2 planting materials are those which are derived from the fruits of F1 palms which when planted will produce plants bearing recessive or undesirable characteristics or traits, such as but not limited to low or zero fruit yield.

h) **Lethal Yellowing Disease** is a disease of coconut and oil palm, which is caused by a transmissible phytoplasma that kills the coconut, or oil palm.

i) **Pedigree** refers to the genetic origin of a planting material, which is more specifically defined by the physical characteristics of the material, such as fruit form and color, or by the record of the DNA profile of the variety, if available.

j) **High quality planting materials** refer to those planting materials the reproductive and physiological characteristics of which reveal their desirability for planting. Parameters of desirability include, among others, predictable or expected fresh fruit bunch yield, oil yield, Oil Extraction Rate (OER), Kernel Extraction Rate (KER), height increase per year, fatty acid contents, iodine value, precocity or earliness of bearing, male and female flower census.

SECTION 2. Application for PCA Registration/Accreditation

The following may apply for registration and/or accreditation:

- a) Individuals or Sole Proprietors whose business names are duly registered with the Department of Trade and Industry;
- b) Partnerships or Corporations duly registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission;
- c) Cooperatives duly registered with the Cooperatives Development Authority; and
- d) Associations registered with the Bureau of Rural Workers / Department of Labor and Employment.

SECTION 3. Filing of Applications for Registration And/Or Accreditation

- a. The application for registration or accreditation, in such form prescribed by the PCA, shall be filed with the PCA Provincial Office, which has jurisdiction over the place where the proposed or existing nursery is located.
- b. The PCA Provincial Manager shall acknowledge the filing and receipt of the application and ensure that same is fully accomplished with all the supporting documents attached thereto, and immediately endorse the same to the Regional Manager of the Regional Office.
- c. The Regional Manager, upon receipt of the provincial endorsement shall immediately notify the applicant for the execution of the Nursery Inspection Agreement;
- d. The applicant shall pay a non-refundable registration fee of Twenty-five thousand pesos (P25,000.00) to the Philippine Coconut Authority;
- e. The Regional Manager shall order the PCA inspection and accreditation team, to visit and inspect the proposed or existing nursery within three (3) days from the signing of the Nursery Inspection Agreement;
- f. The Certificate of Registration and/or Accreditation shall be issued, or action thereon shall be taken by the Regional Manager, with due notice to the applicant within twenty four (24) hours from receipt of the report and recommendation/s of the inspection and accreditation team.

SECTION 4. Requirements for PCA Registration And/Or Accreditation