

**[ DA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 10, S. 2002,  
APRIL 19, 2002, April 19, 2002 ]**

**ADOPTION OF THE AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING STANDARDS,  
VOLUME 1, SERIES OF 2000**

All Undersecretaries, Assistant Secretaries, Service Directors, Bureau Directors, Heads of Attached Agencies, Regional Directors and DA Program Directors

Adoption of the Agricultural Engineering Standards, Volume 1, Series of 2000

WHEREAS, Articles 5, 6, and 7, Chapter 1, Title II of the Republic Act No. 7394, otherwise known as the Consumer Act of the Philippines identified standards development and enforcement of three agencies: Department of Agriculture (for agricultural products), Department of Health (for drugs, cosmetics, devices and substance) and Department of Trade and Industry (for other products not covered by the two agencies).

WHEREAS, Section 2, Chapter 1, Title IV (Agriculture), Book IV of EO No. 292 provides that the Department is the government agency responsible for the promotion of agricultural development by providing the policy framework, public investments, and support services needed for domestic and export-oriented business enterprises.

WHEREAS, Section 59 of Republic Act No. 8435, otherwise known as the Agriculture and Fisheries Act of 1997 (AFMA) provides that "the Department shall give priority to the development and promotion of appropriate agricultural machinery and other agricultural mechanization technologies to enhance agricultural mechanization in the countryside."

WHEREAS, Rule 59.3 of the IRR of AFMA states that "the Agricultural Machinery Testing and Evaluation Center (AMTEC) may be designated by the Department of Agriculture to issue the standards for agriculture and fisheries machinery."

WHEREAS, on 26 November 1999, the Department entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the University of the Philippines – Los Baños for the establishment of agricultural engineering standards, to be undertaken by the Agricultural Machinery Testing and Evaluation Center (AMTEC), of the College of Engineering and Agro-Industrial Technology of the UP-Los Baños.

WHEREAS, Administrative Order No. 11, s. 2001 states that the AMTEC, in partnership with the Philippine Society of Agricultural Engineers (PSAE) and concerned DA agencies, shall be charged with the formulation and development of the official agriculture and fisheries machinery standards.

Such standards, to be known as "Philippine Standards for Agriculture and Fisheries