

[PRC BOARD OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING RESOLUTION NO. 02, May 12, 2005]

THE CODE OF ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERS

Pursuant to Section 9 (h), Article III of Republic Act No. 8559, known as the "Philippine Agricultural Engineering Act of 1998", and Section 39, Article XI of Resolution No. 01, series of 1998, known as the "Rules and Regulations Implementing the Philippine Agricultural Engineering Act of 1998", the Board of Agricultural Engineering subject to approval by the Professional Regulation Commission hereby adopts and promulgates the hereunder Code of Ethics and Professional Standards prescribed and issued by the Philippine Society of Agricultural Engineers, Inc. (PSAE), the one and only Integrated and Accredited Association of Agricultural Engineers in the Philippines recognized by the Board and the Commission by virtue of Sec. 26, Art. V of R.A. No. 8559.

Article I

Terms, Duties and Professional Life

SECTION 1. Definition of terms - the following shall mean:

Code - is the Code of Ethics and Professional Standards for agricultural engineers which provides a system of rules and regulations for the maintenance of high standards of competence and integrity of agricultural engineers in the performance of their responsibilities in the practice of their profession.

Commission - refers to the Professional Regulation Commission created by R.A. No. 8981, the "PRC Modernization Act of year 2000."

Board - refers to the Board of Agricultural Engineering.

Client/Employer - is a person, natural or juridical, who engages the professional services of agricultural engineer/s who hold valid certificate of registration and professional identification card issued by the Board and the Commission pursuant to R.A. No. 8559.

Firm/Partnership/Association - is a group of two or more agricultural engineers registered with the Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) engaging in the practice of agricultural engineering.

SECTION 2. Duties and Responsibilities - Every registered agricultural engineer shall discharge their responsibilities with highest sense of integrity, nationalism, and spiritual values and, accordingly, shall:

- a. act with fidelity, fairness, and impartiality to their employers and clients;
- b. uphold the honor and dignity of the agricultural engineering profession and avoid connection with any enterprise or individual with questionable character;
- c. be ready to apply their technical knowledge for the benefit of mankind and agro-industrial development of the country; and
- d. be fair and tolerant in his dealings with fellow agricultural engineers.

SECTION 3. Professional Life of Agricultural Engineers - All agricultural engineers shall endeavor to make the agricultural engineering profession effective, relevant, and dignified through their share of information and experiences with other agricultural engineers and agricultural engineering students, their active participation, their support, and their contribution to the programs, projects, and activities of agricultural engineering societies/associations, schools, and other related organizations. In the pursuit of this endeavor, they shall:

- a. not advertise their work or merit in a self-laudatory manner and shall avoid such conduct or practice that would discredit and do injury to the dignity and honor of their profession;
- b. Strive to continuously update and enhance their professional knowledge, skills, and competitiveness through their active and meaningful participation in the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) programs required by the CPE Council for Registered Agricultural Engineers.

Article II

Relations with the Public

SECTION 4. Relations with the Public - All Agricultural Engineers shall endeavor to establish and maintain good public relation and, accordingly, shall:

- a. endeavor to disseminate public knowledge on agricultural engineering, and to discourage, if not curb, the spread of untrue, unfair, and exaggerated statements regarding agricultural engineering;
- b. have direct responsibility for safeguarding the life and health of the public and employees who may be affected by their work for which they are responsible;
- c. Express only such opinions that are founded on adequate knowledge and honest conviction when serving as a witness before a court, commission, or other tribunal;
- d. Not make ex-parte statements, criticisms, or opinions on matters connected with public policy, which are inspired or paid for by private interest unless they indicate on whose behalf they are making the statement;
- e. Refrain from publicly expressing opinions on any agricultural engineering subjects unless they are well-informed on the facts relating thereto.