



**NFARMC RESOLUTION No. 06  
Series of 2022**

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE REQUEST OF THE AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY AND REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY TO IMMEDIATELY ADDRESS THE DWINDLING SUPPLY OF RAW MATERIALS FOR AQUACULTURE PRODUCTION**

- WHEREAS,** the National Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council (NFARMC) is a multi-sectoral body composed of representatives from all major stakeholders in Philippine fisheries and serves as an advisory and recommendatory body to the Department of Agriculture (DA);
- WHEREAS,** Section 72 (a) of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of R. A. No. 8550 as amended by R. A. No. 10654 [the "AMENDED FISHERIES CODE OF 1998"] states that xxx "NFARMC shall have the following functions: (a) assist in the formulation of national policies for the protection, sustainable development and management of fishery and aquatic resources xxx";
- WHEREAS,** during the Second Quarter Meeting of the NFARMC held at the MICROTEL by Wyndham, UP - Ayala Land, Technohub, Commonwealth Ave., Diliman, Quezon City on 29 April 2022, Atty. Asis Perez presented and discussed how to address inflation in aquaculture and ensure feed supply availability;
- WHEREAS,** the NFARMC took note of the aquaculture sector's contribution to food security which accounts for around 800,000 metric tons (MT) of fish and fishery/aquatic products; in turn aquaculture is dependent on the availability of affordable high-protein production of aquafeed;
- WHEREAS,** the COVID-19 pandemic which disrupts the world's supply chain and aggravated by the current armed conflict between Russia and Ukraine has greatly affected the country's external source of feed wheat and other feed ingredients necessary to sustain local aquaculture production;
- WHEREAS,** Processed Animal Proteins (PAP) is a high value protein supplement derived from animal by-products of slaughterhouse used in the manufacture of feed products;
- WHEREAS,** only materials classified as Category 3 by the European Union is used in the production of PAP exported to the country, and these materials are considered low risk;
- WHEREAS,** PAP, similar to other feed ingredients, is subjected to extreme temperature and extrusion to improve the digestibility in animal feed diets;

**WHEREAS,** the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code Article 15.1.23 stipulates that ASF virus is inactivated when meat has been subject to heat treatment for at least thirty (30) minutes at a minimum temperature of 70°C;

**WHEREAS,** the process flow of the manufacturing plants of porcine PAP indicates that the processing of this feed ingredient is subjected for at least 115°C;

**WHEREAS,** the risk of transmission of ASF virus through the inclusion of PAP in aquatic feed diets is low since the feed ingredient has been subjected to several manufacturing processes with a temperature sufficient to inactivate the ASF virus;

**WHEREAS,** in consideration of the foregoing, the aquaculture industry suggested that the ban on importation of porcine Processed Animal Proteins (PAP) be lifted and that an administrative order providing for the guidelines on the importation thereof for use in the production of aquafeeds be issued;

**WHEREAS,** taking into consideration the request of the aquaculture industry as well as the possible over-arching effect of the scarcity in fish feeds in the fisheries industry and food security, the NFARMC resolved to request the Department of Agriculture - Bureau of Animal Industry, in collaboration with BFAR and other concerned agencies, to develop a comprehensive and long-term mechanism ensuring the sustainability of the country's feed industry; and create an opportunity to develop the fishmill industry;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the NFARMC hereby request the Department of Agriculture and the Bureau of Animal Industry to immediately address the issue of dwindling supply of raw materials for aquaculture production as it is a threat against the over-all food security concerns of the whole nation.

**RESOLVED FURTHER,** that the NFARMC hereby endorses the request of the aquaculture industry to lift the ban on importation of porcine Processed Animal Proteins (PAP) subject to compliance with the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code Article 15.1.23;

**RESOLVED FURTHER,** that the Department of Agriculture - Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) and the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), following their respective mandates, shall enhance their collaboration to ensure the implementation of a closed system in the importation, processing and utilization of Porcine PAP including the compliance of the private sectors/processors/direct users to traceability, full reporting and proper labelling;

**RESOLVED FURTHER,** that copies of this resolution be furnished to the Department of Agriculture, the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) and the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR);

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** during the Second Quarter Meeting of the Council on 29 April 2022 held at the MICROTEL by Wyndham, UP - Ayala Land, Technohub, Commonwealth Ave., Diliman, Quezon City.

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