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FROM

BUREAU OF SOILS AND WATER MANAGEMENT (BSWM)

SUBJECT

PUBLIC ADVISORY ON THE PROCUREMENT OF SOIL TEST KITS

(STK) FROM THE BUREAU OF SOILS AND WATER MANAGEMENT

(BSWM)

The DA-Bureau of Soils and Water Management (DA-BSWM), as stated in the Executive Order No. 366 s. 2004, is the nationally mandated agency authorized to produce and distribute Soil Test Kits (STK) as part of the agency's efforts in promoting sustainable agriculture.

Therefore, pursuant to the mandate of BSWM in enforcing the responsible utilization of the Soil Test Kit (STK), the following guidelines are hereby promulgated:

- 1. The Soil Test Kit (STK) can be availed through the BSWM Customer Center located at SRDC Bldg. Visayas Avenue, corner Elliptical Rd, Diliman, Quezon City. Each bag contains chemical reagents for the qualitative analysis of soil pH, nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium along with printed materials such as the STK Instruction Booklet and Soil Analysis and Fertilizer Usage Booklet. The Soil Test Kit (STK) retails for P1,500.00 per bag while reagent refills cost P300.00. The reselling of STK and refills for personal gain or profit is strictly prohibited.
- 2. The BSWM accommodates external requests for Soil Test Kits (STK) from qualified beneficiaries through the provision of a request letter addressed to the Director of BSWM stating the purpose of request. The list of qualified beneficiaries are as follows:
 - Registered Farmer's Cooperatives and Associations (FCAs) at the Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) / Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) and other registering bodies/ agencies;

b. Members from the Rural-Based Organizations:

 Learning Sites for Agriculture (LSA), Production Learning Centers (PLCs), and Farm Schools accredited by the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) or Technical Education and Skills Authority (TESDA);

d. Local Government Units (LGUs)

e. State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) and Private Universities

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3. Private individuals and entities can also avail the Soil Test Kit (STK); however, it is only limited to two (2) bags per transaction. Requests beyond the allowable quantity necessitates a request letter addressed to the Director of BSWM stating the purpose of request.

Please be guided accordingly.

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