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WHEREAS, Memorandum Circular No 21, Series of 2023 provided supplemental provisions to AC No. 03 to clarify and address some issues and concerns on the CSO accreditation process;

WHEREAS, Section 75 of the General Provisions of the 2024 General Appropriations Act provides for the conditions or requirements for fund transfers to accredited CSOs

WHEREAS, there is a need to further clarify and amend the existing guidelines on the accreditation of CSOs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL, JR, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by

law, do hereby issue the following amendment to the revised guidelines on the accreditation of CSOs to be engaged by DA as partners in the implementation of programs/projects funded by the Department:

1. Accreditation is mandatory under the following circumstances that entails transfer of funds:
 - a. Engagement of CSOs as implementing partners of DA funded programs or projects;
 - b. Engagement of CSOs as beneficiaries of a grant of financial assistance in the implementation of DA funded programs or projects; and
 - c. Subsequent engagement of CSOs in the co-implementation of DA funded programs or projects.

Accreditation of CSOs is not required in intervention or assistance in-kind unless when so provided in the respective Program Guidelines.

All orders, rules and regulations or part thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Circular are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately following the completion of its publication in the *Official Gazette* and a copy filed with the U.P. Law Center.

Issued this 17th day of December 2024.

(Sgd.) FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL, JR.
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