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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

TO : The Deputy Administrator; Assistant Administrators; Heads of Departments and Staffs; Regional Irrigation Managers; Operation Managers; Project Managers; Provincial Irrigation Officers; Irrigation Superintendents; and all others concerned

SUBJECT : DA Policy on the Protection of Intellectual Properties

Quoted hereunder in full for the information and guidance of all concerned is the DA Administrative Order No. 03, s. 2005, to wit:

**"Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Office of the Secretary
Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City**

January 20, 2005

**Administrative Order
No. 03
Series 2005**

SUBJECT: DA Policy on the Protection of Intellectual Properties

In the interest of the service, the Department of Agriculture adopts the following Policy on the Protection of Intellectual Properties of the Department:

"As the government agency tasked to provide a policy environment conducive to achieving the goals of food security and sustainability of the agriculture and fishery sectors, the Department of Agriculture encourages technological innovations, creation, and inventions by DA bureaus, agencies, corporations and other offices and/or their personnel.

As a public institution serving public interest, DA-owned technologies, creations, and inventions when granted rights under existing intellectual property regimes, shall be made available for public use, consistent with the Department's mandate

to transfer and disseminate approved technologies, except for a valid reason that would prevent such use. In all cases, public access to DA intellectual property rights are subject to the rights of innovators, creators and inventors."

A DA Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Policy and Management Committee shall then be created to help institutionalize said policy and shall be headed by the Undersecretary for Policy and Planning. Said Committee shall make recommendations on the protection and technology transfer of DA intellectual properties, for the Secretary of Agriculture's concurrence. The Committee is also tasked to organize the DA IPR Program and to provide legal and technical advice to all DA units on IPR protection.

This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

(Sgd.) ARTHUR C. YAP
Secretary"

For compliance.



PROCESO T. DOMINGO
Administrator

March 31, 2005