

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 59, September 30, 2011]

PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF EXECUTIVE ORDER (EO) NO. 309 (S. 2004) FOR THE INCLUSION OF OTHER GRAINS IN THE COVERAGE OF THE PHILIPPINE RICE POSTPRODUCTION CONSORTIUM (PRPC) AND CHANGING OF THE NAME OF PRPC INTO "PHILIPPINE GRAINS POSTPRODUCTION CONSORTIUM"

WHEREAS, the PRPC was created under the Department of Agriculture (DA) through EO No. 309 (s. 2004) with the National Food Authority (NFA), Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice), University of the Philippines – Los Baños, Philippine Center for Postharvest and Extension (BPRE) (now Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization [PhilMech]), and National Agricultural and Fishery Council (NAFC) as member institutions;

WHEREAS, the PRPC is an alliance of primary institutions in the Philippines which are mandated to address major issues and concerns on rice postproduction research, development and extension towards enhancing the development of the rice postproduction industry in the country;

WHEREAS, the member institutions of the consortium are individually mandated to implement postproduction programs on rice and other grains;

WHEREAS, the PRPC has already conducted six (6) annual national grains postproduction conferences and implemented other relevant projects and activities focused on grains, not only on rice;

WHEREAS, corn, soybeans, sorghum and other grains have gained economic importance in attaining food and feed sufficiency concerns of the country, and share similar postproduction technology, resources and other requirements with rice;

WHEREAS, the National Government through the DA is focusing on increasing production of grains, minimizing grains postproduction losses and ultimately increasing income of grains farmers;

WHEREAS, the PRPC Executive Committee recognizes the need to change the name of the PRPC into the Philippine Grains Postproduction Consortium (PGPC) and to expand its commodity coverage to include other grains;

NOW, THEREFORE, I BENIGNO S. AQUINO III, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Institutionalization. The Philippine Rice Postproduction Consortium (PRPC) is hereby renamed as the Philippine Grains Postproduction Consortium (PGPC) in order to address the major issues and concerns of the rice and other grains postproduction industry.