

**[PRC BOARD OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING
RESOLUTION NO. 02, S. OF 2007, August 31, 2007
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**GUIDELINES ON OCULAR INSPECTION AND MONITORING OF
OFFICES AND ESTABLISHMENTS**

WHEREAS, Section 9(g), Article III, Republic Act No. 8559, known as the "Philippine Agricultural Engineering Act of 1998", empowers the Board of Agricultural Engineering (the "Board") "to look into the conditions affecting the practice of agricultural engineering in the country and whenever necessary adopt such measures as may be deemed proper for the enhancement and maintenance of high professional and ethical standards of the profession;"

WHEREAS, Sec. 9 (b) of R.A. No. 8981, known as the "PRC Modernization Act of 2000", likewise authorizes the Board, to wit: "to monitor the conditions affecting the practice of the professions or occupation under their respective jurisdictions and whenever necessary adopt such measures as may be deemed proper for the enhancement of the profession or occupation and/or the maintenance of high professional, ethical and technical standards, and for this purpose the members of the Board duly authorized by the Commission with deputized employee of the Commission, may conduct ocular inspection in industrial, mechanical, electrical or chemical plants, establishments, hospitals, clinics, laboratories, testing facilities, mines and quarries, other engineering facilities and in the case of schools, in coordination with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED)";

WHEREAS, there have been reported violations and non-implementation of R.A. No. 8559 and Res. No. 01, Series of 1998, known as the "Rules and Regulations Implementing the Philippine Agricultural Engineering Act of 1998" and Res. No. 02, Series of 2005, known as "the Code of Ethics and Professional Standards for Agricultural Engineers", by concerned offices and establishments either public or private;

WHEREAS, such violations relate to the planning, regulation, research and extension, design and construction/fabrication of irrigation, farm machinery, post harvest facilities and agricultural and fishery infrastructures, and the hiring/employment of persons without valid certificate of registration and professional identification cards to perform the aforementioned tasks; and

WHEREAS, in order to strengthen the enforcement of the R.A. No. 8559, it is necessary for the Board and the PRC to conduct ocular inspection and monitoring of concerned offices and establishments to determine their compliance of the said law, and the rules and regulation, and circulars adopted by the Board.

WHEREAS, there is a need to issue guidelines for the conduct of the ocular inspection and monitoring of such premises pursuant to above mentioned powers;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board resolves, as it is hereby resolved, to adopt, issue, and promulgate the following guidelines on the ocular inspection and monitoring of offices and establishments:

SECTION 1. Board Action. Pursuant to the above mentioned provisions of R.A. No. 8559 and R.A. No. 8981, the Board shall conduct inspection and monitoring of all concerned offices and establishments either public or private;

SECTION 2. Offices and Establishments to be Inspected and Monitored - The Board together with the PRC deputized official/s shall inspect and monitor the following offices and establishments:

1) Government offices which are engaged in agricultural engineering activities relative to the planning, implementation, regulation, operation and maintenance, research and extension of irrigation, soil and water conservation, agricultural and fishery machinery, post harvest facilities, agricultural and fishery infrastructures, agricultural power and energy, forest products processing and other agricultural engineering projects and facilities;

2) All agri-fishery based establishments and facilities which are owned and/or operated by the government or the private sector such as slaughterhouses, poultry dressing plants, agricultural machinery testing and evaluation centers, agricultural machinery and equipment pools, national and communal irrigation systems including small water impounding projects and other related and emerging agro-industrial projects and facilities;

3) Agricultural, aquaculture, and forest products machinery manufacturing and processing plants and distribution/dealership firms/centers and systems;

4) Agro-processing establishments such as rice mills, feed mills, sugar mills, coconut oil mills, fiber extraction processing plants, meat processing plants, fish processing plants, poultry and meat processing plants, food processing plants and agricultural and fishery products storage facilities;

5) Agro-industrial firms or establishments engaged in agricultural and fishery production, processing and other agricultural engineering endeavors;

6) Financing and banking institutions engaged in providing credit and financial assistance on agribusiness which are commercial in nature such as irrigation, post harvest facilities, agro-processing and storage, forest products, aquaculture, food and fiber production facilities and machineries; and

7) Consultancy firms, foundations, non-government organizations and other organized groups engaged in providing agricultural engineering services relative to management and consultancy, training and extension, research and development on irrigation, post harvest facilities, agro processing and storage, forest products, aquaculture, food and fiber production facilities and machineries;

SECTION 3. The Nature and Purpose of Conducting Ocular Inspection and Monitoring - The following shall be the purposes of the ocular inspection, and monitoring: