



National experience on VSS implementation: the government and private sector perspectives

Government Perspective

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+ On GAP implementation

- Government-led certification program
- Separation of responsibilities
 - Program Secretariat – BAFPS
 - Inspectors – Attached Agencies & Regional Field Units
 - Technical Working Group (TWG) – Attached Agencies, Academe & Private Stakeholders



On GAP implementation (contd.)

■ Elements

■ Standard

- Food Safety Module is fully aligned with the ASEAN GAP
- Remaining 3 modules are closely aligned with the regional standard;
- During revision of PhilGAP standard, GLOBALG.A.P. standard is also considered

■ Certification

+ On Organic Agriculture Implementation

- National Organic Agriculture Program
 - Policy Setting – Board (NOAB)
 - Program Components (Implementing Agencies)
 - Production
 - Research
 - Extension
 - Marketing
 - Institutional Development/Regulations (Standards, Certification, Accreditation, Registration)

+ On Organic Agriculture Implementation

■ Regulations

- Standards – BAFPS
- Certification – Accredited Certification Bodies
- Accreditation – BAFPS through the National Accreditation Committee

* Development of Regulations (including standards) are done through the **bottom-up participatory approach**



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