

Republic of the Philippines  
NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL

Salt Iodization Advisory Board Resolution No.1, Series of 2012

**Approving the Strategic Plan of the  
National Salt Iodization Program (NSIP) for 2011-2016**

**WHEREAS**, iodine deficiency disorders (IDD) is a variety of abnormalities that result when the body does not get enough iodine;

**WHEREAS**, based on the 2008 national nutrition survey (NNS) of the Food and Nutrition Research Institute of the Department of Science and Technology (FNRI-DOST), the IDD situation is considered as shaky since the median urinary iodine excretion (UIE) among children 6-12 years old, a marker group for the entire population, is 132 mcg/L which while above the WHO-recommended level of 100 mcg/L is a reduction from the 201 mcg/L recorded in 2003, and the percent of children with UIE less than 50 mcg/L is 19.7%, almost breaching the WHO 20% cut-off beyond which IDD would be considered of public health concern;

**WHEREAS**, the situation among pregnant and lactating women is of public health concern, with median UIE at 105 mcg/L and 81 mcg/L, below the WHO-recommended 150 mcg/L and 100 mcg/L, respectively;

**WHEREAS**, considering the magnitude and the grave consequences of IDD, efforts to eliminate the problem will be continually pursued in 2011-2016 as stated in the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) 2011-2016, with the target of bringing the problem to levels that are below public health significance;

**WHEREAS**, universal salt iodization continues to be recognized as the cheapest, safest, efficient and long term intervention that would address IDD, with Republic Act 8172 that mandates the iodization of all salt for human and animal consumption providing the policy cover for actions;

**WHEREAS**, notwithstanding the importance of iodized salt in addressing IDD, the salt industry has raised its constraints in complying with RA 8172, citing technical and operational constraints, economics and marketing, socio-political, and monitoring issues, among others;

**WHEREAS**, the 2008 National Nutrition Survey reported an increase in the percentage of households with salt that tested positive for iodine using the rapid test kit from 75.4% in 2005 to 81.1% in 2008, but the median iodine level of household salt was found to be 5.3 ppm, way below the WHO-recommended 15 ppm, and that only 25.2% of household salt recorded iodine levels  $\geq 15$  ppm, suggesting the need to strengthen quality assurance for salt iodization;



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**WHEREAS**, in order to further strengthen the management of the national salt iodization program and to address the concerns of the salt industry, the Technical Working Group (TWG) on the NSIP was organized by the National Nutrition Council on 23 March 2011;

**WHEREAS**, a strategic plan was formulated by the TWG-NSIP to guide the priority actions and activities of the salt iodization program in order to meet its goal and program objectives, which among others, includes a review of the ASIN Law and its Implementing Rules and Regulations;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, in consideration of the above premises, we, the Salt Iodization Advisory Board hereby approve the Strategic Plan on the National Salt Iodization Program for 2011-2016;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that we commit our departments or agencies or organizations to pursue the activities assigned to our respective organizations, the budgetary requirements of which will be integrated in our annual budgets, which will include funding from development partners; in the spirit of cooperation, complementation of each other's efforts and in coordination with the NNC Secretariat;

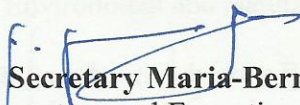
**RESOLVED FURTHER**, for the National Nutrition Council Secretariat to monitor and ensure that this resolution is fully implemented.

Approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2012.



**ENRIQUE T. ONA, MD**  
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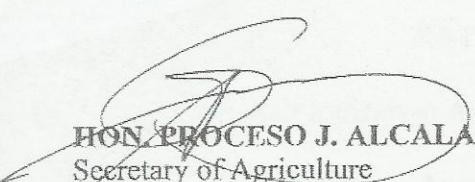
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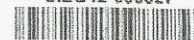
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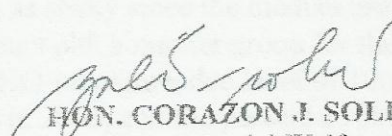
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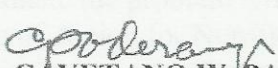
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