



OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020 - 10 Series of 2020

"AN ORDER ADOPTING THE GUIDELINES ON THE SELECTION OF NON-WOOD HEIGHT AND LENGTH MEASURING TOOL"

WHEREAS, the Philippines adopted the WHO Child Growth Standards (WHO-CGS) for determining the nutritional status of Filipino children under five years old;

WHEREAS, the WHO-CGS includes measurement of length and height of children to more accurately allow comprehensive child growth assessment;

WHEREAS, the NNC adopted the use of wooden height board in the country based on the recommendations of the World Health Organization where the first prototype of the wooden height board's specifications had been drawn and adapted;

WHEREAS, the NNC Governing Board on motion of the Department of Agriculture as Vice-Chair, instructed the Secretariat to explore other materials apart from wood for the fabrication of height board in view of the country's policy on total log ban;

WHEREAS, there is a need to field test height boards fabricated by various interest groups using other materials such as aluminum, acrylic, and plastics, a Field Trial of Alternative Height Measuring Equipment: Allenstick, Aluminum-Acrylic Height Board, Stadiometer vis--à-vis Wooden Height Board was conducted to provide evidence on accuracy, reliability, and ease of use of the other height board models; possibly replacing the wooden height board in the long-term in consideration of its weight and harm to the environment;

WHEREAS, the results of the field trial attested to the feasibility and practicability of the three (3) height boards tested made from other materials, i.e. aluminum-acrylic height board, fiberglass, and plastic, as acceptable measuring equipment for length/height of children in addition to the wooden height board with improvements as indicated in the study;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, VERGEL C. MENESES, as the Municipal Mayor of the Municipality of Bulakan by virtue of the powers vested in me, do hereby adopt the Guidelines on the Selection of Acceptable Non-Wood Height and Length Measuring Tool and use of height boards made of aluminum-acrylic, fiberglass, and plastic as acceptable measuring equipment in addition to the recommended wooden height board for accessing growth of children in the Philippines.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Municipal Nutrition Committee Secretariat shall ensure the dissemination of this Resolution and shall provide guidance to local government units and other agencies and organizations producing height boards, conducting length/height assessment of children and purchasing length/height measuring equipment.

Done in the Municipality of Bulakan, Province of Bulacan this 30th day of January, 2020.


VERGEL C. MENESES
Municipal Mayor