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PROCESS TITLE	CONDUCT OF RESEARCHER-INITIATED FOOD PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT	
PROCESS OBJECTIVES	<ul> <li>To ensure that all phases of product development are covered with the necessary documentation</li> <li>To facilitate smooth processes and allocation of resources (personnel, raw materials, supplies) and other aspects of product development</li> </ul>	
SCOPE	The procedure begins with concept development and ends with intellectual property rights protection	
RELATED RISK/S	• Delay in the delivery of product developed caused by unavailability or delayed procurement of materials & supplies, unexpected equipment breakdown, and intervening tasks	
PROCESS OWNER	Northern Mindanao Food Innovation Center (NMFIC, sometimes abbreviated as FIC)	
FORM/S	<ul> <li>NMFIC Minutes of Meeting FM-USTP-FIC-04</li> <li>Product Development Proposal FM-USTP-FIC-05</li> <li>Package of Technology FM-USTP-FIC-06</li> </ul>	

PROCESS FLOW/DETAILS		RESPONSIBLE PERSON/OFFICE	OUTPUT RECORDS/ EVIDENCE
Development of product concept	Note 1	Researcher	Concept Notes
Meeting between researcher and the NMFIC Research Unit	Note 2	Researcher (s) NMFIC Research Unit	Minutes of Meeting FM-USTP-FIC-004
Writing of Product Development Proposal	Note 3	Researcher (s) NMFIC Research Unit Head	Product Development Proposal (PDP) FM-USTP-FIC-005
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PROCESS FLOW/DETAILS		RESPONSIBLE PERSON/OFFICE	OUTPUT RECORDS/ EVIDENCE
Approval of the Product Development Proposal (PDP)	Note 4	NMFIC Research Unit Head NMFIC Manager	Approved Product Development Proposal
Submission of PPMP and PR	Note 5	Researcher NMFIC Administrative Aide	Signed PPMP and PR (Procurement Office Forms)
Conduct of product development	Note 6	Researcher	Package of Technology FM-USTP-FIC-006
Application for intellectual property protection	Note 7	Researcher NMFIC Research Unit Head	Utility Mode Application (IPOPHL Form)

**1.** The researcher designated at the Northern Mindanao Food Innovation Center conceptualizes a food product to be developed.

### NOTE 2:

NOTE 1:

- 2. The researcher discusses his/her concept with all the members of the NMFIC Research Unit. This meeting will be presided by the Unit Head.
- 3. The main purpose of the meeting is to generate ideas and to coordinate project tasks with the rest of the Research Unit in terms of scheduling, use of resources, etc.
- 4. The NMFIC Manager may or may not be consulted at this point, depending on the circumstances

### NOTE 3:

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- 5. Based on the inputs during the meeting, the researcher writes the Product Development Proposal.
- **6.** Following the customer development model in product development, the researcher ensures that a customer discovery process is undertaken.
- 7. She/ He submits this proposal to the NMFIC Manager through the Research Unit Head.

#### NOTE 4:

- 8. The Research Unit Head reviews the submitted proposal and endorses the same to the NMFIC Manager for approval.
- 9. Revisions may be possible based on the review which considers budget, NMFIC schedule of activities, etc.

#### NOTE 5:

- **10.** Upon approval, the pertinent request for supplies and materials is initiated by the NMFIC administrative unit, utilizing government forms such as the Project Procurement Management Plan and the subsequent Purchase Request form.
- 11. The approved Product Development Proposal is attached to this request.

#### NOTE 6:

- 12. When the necessary supplies and materials are delivered to the NMFIC, the product development activities can then start.
- 13. The researcher periodically apprises the Research Unit Head and the NMFIC Manager of the status of

the product development.

14. Upon completion of product development, the researcher develops the Package of Technology (POT)

which is submitted to the NMFIC Manager through the Research Unit Head.

15. The POT is presented to the other stakeholders of NMFIC such as the DOST and DTI for purposes of promotion as part of the search for a technology adopter.

#### **NOTE 7:**

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**16.** Meanwhile, an application for the protection of the intellectual property rights will be submitted to the IPOPHL.

## **RECORDS/EVIDENCE:**

- Minutes of Meeting
- Product Development Proposal
- Package of Technology
- Utility Model Application
- Project Procurement Management Plan
- Purchase Request

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