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**MEMORANDUM ORDER**

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**SUBJECT: RECOMPOSITION AND STREAMLINING OF FUNCTIONS OF THE BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY-BIOTECHNOLOGY CORE TEAM (BPI-BCT)**

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In the exigency of service and for the smooth implementation of the DOST-DA-DOH-DENR-DILG Joint Department Circular (JDC) No.1 s2021 entitled “*Rules and Regulations for the Research and Development, Handling and Use, Transboundary Movement, Release into the Environment, and Management of Genetically Modified Plant and Plant Products Derived from the Use of Modern Biotechnology*”, the DA Memorandum Circular No. 08 s2022 entitled “*Rules and Procedure to Evaluate and Determine When Products of Plant Breeding Innovations (PBIs) are Covered under DOST-DA-DENR-DOH-DILG Series Of 2021 (JDC No.1 S2021) Based on the NCBP Resolution No.1 Series of 2020*” and the DA MC. No.2 s2014 titled “*Enhancing the Insect Resistance Management (IRM) Strategy for Bt Corn Targeting Asian Corn Borer (ACB)*”, the BPI-BCT is hereby recomposed, and four (4) sub-units shall be created with the following functions and personnel:

**OVERALL OPERATION**

**Chair:** Ariel J. Bayot, Assistant Director for Regulatory Services

**Co-Chair:** Jonar I. Yago PhD, Assistant Director for Operations, Technical and Production Services

**Terms of Reference**

1. Overall supervision of regulatory activities related to the use of modern; biotechnology, products of plant breeding innovations and its post approval monitoring;
2. Evaluate reports and proposals relevant to biotechnology;
3. Resolve issues pertaining to biotech regulations;
4. Act as adviser to the Director in making decisions related to biotechnology;
5. Coordinate network activities with other government agencies and private agencies on biosafety regulation;



## A. BCT- JOINT DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR

**Chair:** Peter M. Magdaraog PhD, OIC-Head, Biotechnology Office

**Co-Chair:** Sheeb Kaiserin Quiaonza, Senior Agriculturist

**Members:**

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| NPQSD         | Joselito Antioquia<br>Joan May Tolentino<br>Amor Dimayacyac<br>Ferlavee Apacionado<br>Lilia Portales<br>Sheeb Kaiserin Quiaonza<br>Darwin Landicho<br>Aldwin Mendoza<br>Viola Katherine Gamboa<br>Zyrine Lorizo<br>Elvira Morales |
| PPSSD         | Ma. Esperanza Uy<br>Julio Salvador Valeza<br>Christian Allen Taleon   |
| NSQCS         | Ruel Gesmundo<br>Cyd Clarisse Palado<br>Diana Tabudlong   |
| NSIC/PVPO     | Paul Ryan Alcantara   |
| CPMD          | Preceperina Luzaran<br>Russ-Uzi Mayenne Eborá   |
| BPI-LBNCRPSC, | Joel Adorada  |

### Terms of Reference:

1. Supervise activities relevant to the implementation of JDC No.1 s2021;
2. Review public consultation documents submitted by applicant;
3. Review conditions in the Biosafety Permit of approved GM application;
4. Perform other functions related to JDC No.1 s2021.

## B. BCT-PLANT BREEDING INNOVATIONS

**Chair:** **Ariel J. Bayot**, Assistant Director for Regulatory Services

**Co-Chair:** **Jonar I. Yago PhD**, Assistant Director for Operations, Technical and Production Services

**Members:**

NPQSD  
Peter Magdaraog, PhD  
Zyrine Lorizo  
Darwin Landicho  
Sheeb Kaiserin Quiaonza  
Viola Katherine Gamboa

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Christian Allen Taleon  
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NSQCS  
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Diana Tabudlong

NSIC/PVPO  
Jose Diego Roxas

CPMD  
Russ-Uzi Mayenne Eborá

BPI-LBNCRPSC,  
Mark Julius Mercado

### Terms of Reference

1. Supervise activities relevant to the implementation of DA MC. No 08, s2022;
2. Conduct of the Technical Consultation for Evaluation and Determination.

## C. BCT-POST APPROVAL MONITORING GROUP

**Chair:** **Joel L. Adorada PhD**, Senior Agriculturist

**Co-chair:** **Lilia A. Portales PhD**, Supervising Agriculturist

**Members:**

NPQSD  
Peter Magdaraog, PhD  
Darwin Landicho  
Aldwin Mendoza  
Viola Katherine Gamboa

Zyrine Lorizo  
Sheeb Kaiserin Quiaonza  
Ray-an Cunanan  
Arnel Banasihan

CPMD  
Remigio Tabil  
Russ-Uzi Mayenne Ebor  
Merabil Laquinta  
Mar de Guzman  
Glaiza Marie Duron  
Arnil Alleluya

BPI-LBNCRPSC      Brian Joseph Zulueta

### Terms of Reference:

1. Supervise implementation and monitoring of the industry's compliance to post approval conditions or requirements of GM crops;
2. Coordinate with technology developers, designated monitors of RCPC, members of technical advisory bodies and other involved in post approval monitoring;
3. Ensure integrity and safekeeping of all documents, records and data set;
4. Evaluate the issues related to post approval conditions and seek advice from technical advisory bodies.

### D. BIOTECH SECRETARIAT

**Overall Head**      **Sheeb Kaiserin Quiaonza**, Senior Agriculturist

#### Members:

Sherilynne Leoncio  
Tracey Mae Cea  
Alexis Marie Sagisi  
Darlene Joy Siena  
Paulyne Nathalie Ordillo  
Nicolas Palacpac

### Terms of Reference:

1. Announce at its website all applications and biosafety permits issued;
2. Assist the Biotech Core Team and its sub-units in day-to-day operations;
3. Collate all information related to post approval monitoring;
4. Document the discussions of the Joint Assessment Group during its meetings and assist in the preparation of the recommendation document for the BPI Director;
5. Formulate and maintain a library system in the implementation of the revised JDC No.1 s2021;





6. Update regularly the Approval Registries;
7. Open an application file for all biosafety permit applications;
8. Prepare and consolidate the risk assessment reports of agencies document reports and proposals relevant to biotechnology;
9. Prepare office memoranda and letters;
10. Prepare the consolidated report on the Public Information Sheet;
11. Process GM application and conduct evaluation for its completeness and sufficiency;
12. Provide frontline services for the processing of applications for field trials, commercial propagation, and direct use permits.
13. Provide support in the conduct of seminars, workshops, training, and other activities;
14. Provide technical and administrative assistance to the Joint Assessment Group.
15. Perform other relevant functions.

BPI and its divisions shall render the support needed for the smooth functioning of the Biotechnology Core Team.

For your compliance.

  
GEORGE Y. CULASTE, PhD  
Director