

# Department of Agriculture BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY

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**MEMORANDUM ORDER** 

No. <u>(JU</u> Series of 2022

**SUBJECT:** 

RECOMPOSITION AND STREAMLINING OF FUNCTIONS OF THE

BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY-BIOTECHNOLOGY CORE TEAM

(BPI-BCT)

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) subunits 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;

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## A. BCT- JOINT DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR

Chair:

Peter M. Magdaraog PhD, OIC-Head, Biotechnology Office

Co-Chair:

Sheeb Kaiserin Quiaonza, Senior Agriculturist

**Members:** 

**NPQSD** 

Joselito Antioquia Joan May Tolentino Amor Dimayacyac Ferlavee Apacionado

Lilia Portales

Sheeb Kaiserin Quiaonza

Darwin Landicho Aldwin Mendoza

Viola Katherine Gamboa

Zyrine Lorizo Elvira Morales

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**NSQCS** 

Ruel Gesmundo Cyd Clarisse Palado Diana Tabudlong

NSIC/PVPO

Paul Ryan Alcantara

**CPMD** 

Precerpina Luzaran Russ-Uzi Mayenne Ebora

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

PPSSD Christian Allen Taleon

Lhermarie Bautista

NSQCS Cyd Clarisse Palado

Diana Tabudlong

NSIC/PVPO Jose Diego Roxas

CPMD Russ-Uzi Mayenne Ebora

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 Ebora

Merabil Laquinta Mar de Guzman Glaiza Marie Duron Arnil Alleluya

**BPI-LBNCRPSC** 

Brian Joseph Zulueta

## **Terms of Reference:**

 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** 

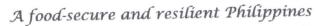
Sheeb Kaiserin Quiaonza, Senior Agriculturist

**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;
- Document the discussions of the Joint Assessment Group during its meetings and assist in the preparation of the recommendation document for the BPI Director;
- Formulate and maintain a library system in the implementation of the revised JDC No.1 s2021;



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- Update regularly the Approval Registries; 6.
- 7. Open an application file for all biosafety permit applications;
- Prepare and consolidate the risk assessment reports of agencies document reports and proposals relevant to biotechnology;
- 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.

CULASTE, PhD

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