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SPECIAL ORDER No. <u>543</u> Series of 2012 AUG 16 2012

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MECORDS SECTION

SUBJECT:

DESIGNATION OF DR. LILIA A. PORTALES AS FOCAL PERSON OF GM CROPS' POST APPROVAL MONITORING GROUP, MR. SANTIAGO PALIZADA AS TECHNICAL ASSISTANT AND MR. EDWIN MIANA AS SUPPORT STAFF

In the exigency of the service and to enhance BPI's supervision over the implementation by the industry of the post approval conditions for the commercial propagation of GM crops. Dr. Lilia A. Portales, Mr. Santiago Palizada and Mr. Edwin R. Miana are hereby designated as focal person, technical assistant and support staff, respectively, of the DA-BPI Post Approval Monitoring Group.

As focal person, Dr. Lilia Portales shall (1) directly supervise the implementation and monitoring of the industry's compliance to the post approval conditions or requirements of GM crops; (2) coordinate with technology developers, designated monitors of the Regional Crop Protection Centers, Members of the technical advisory bodies, and others involved in post approval implementation; (3) ensure the integrity and safekeeping of all documents, records and data set; and (4) evaluate the issues related to post approval conditions, discuss with the Biotech Core Team and seek advice from technical advisory bodies.

As technical assistant, Mr. Santiago Palizada shall (1) assist the focal person in all matters related to post approval monitoring; and (2) act as alternate in the absence of the focal person.

As technical support staff, Mr. Edwin Mina shall (1) collate all information related to post approval monitoring; (2) act as secretariat during the technical meetings; (3) prepare notices and minutes of the meeting; and (4) assist in all activities related to post approval monitoring implementation.

The group shall be involved in formulating policies related to post approval monitoring, develop a centralized and organized filing and verification system for monitoring and reporting based on prescribed procedural formats and guidelines, attend meetings, trainings, workshops and all other activities related to the implementation of post approval conditions. They shall assume and discharge their duties and responsibilities within the scope of their designation from the date of effectivity of this Special Order until revoked.

Dr. Lilia Portales shall report to the Director of the Bureau of Plant Industry thru the Chairman of the Biotechnology Core Team and shall prepare and submit regular report to the same, copy furnished the Chief of the Crop Protection Division.

This special order shall take effect immediately and supersedes all other inconsistent herewith.

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