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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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SUBJECT: CREATION AND COMPOSITION OF THE BPI COMMITTEE ON THE PROPOSED SENATE BILL TO DEVELOP THE PHILIPPINE CORN INDUSTRY, ENHANCE THE AFFORDABILITY OF QUALITY FEEDS AND STAPLE FOOD, AND PROVIDE FOR A CORN COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT FUND (BPI CCEF COMMITTEE)

I. RATIONALE

To establish a formal body to review and develop policies and guidelines for the enactment of the proposed Senate Bill to develop the Philippine Corn Industry, enhance the availability and affordability of quality seeds and staple food, and provide for a Corn Competitiveness Fund.

II. SCOPE

This order shall compose and define the functions of the BPI CCEF Committee.

III. COMPOSITION OF THE BPI RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TECHNICAL CORE TEAM (BPI-RDTCT)

The BPI- CCEF Committee is hereby composed as follows:

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The BPI-CCEF Committee Chairperson shall lead and instruct members on the review, recommendation, planning and management of Corn Competitiveness Enhancement Fund.

The BPI-CCEF Committee Vice Chairperson and Co-Vice Chairperson shall BPI-RDTCT shall perform the duties and responsibilities of the Chairperson in their absence.

The Members of the BPI-CCEF Committee shall:

1. Plan for the establishment of the Program Management and Coordinating Office and the Regional Field Offices;
2. Draft guidelines on the operationalization of the procurement, sharing and distribution of produced corn seeds;
3. Plan for the budget utilization of the Corn Fund;
4. Coordinate with the DA- Bureau of Agricultural Research for fund allocation for the conduct of research on varietal improvement of corn;
5. Coordinate with the University of the Philippines Los Baños – Institute of Plant Breeding -National Plant Genetic Resources Laboratory for germplasm conservation and utilization of corn genetic resources; and
6. Plan for the establishment of the corn industry database management system.

The BPI-CCEF Committee Secretariat shall:

1. Collect and maintain records;
2. Prepare agenda and take minutes of the meeting; and
3. Perform other duties as assigned by the CCEF Chairperson.

In view thereof, they are directed to faithfully perform their duties and responsibilities inherent to their respective designation in addition to their present workload.

This memorandum order shall take immediately and shall supersede all other Memoranda inconsistent herewith.

Done this 25th of March 2024.


GERALD GLENN F. PANGANIBAN, Ph.D.

Director 

NINETEENTH CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC)
OF THE PHILIPPINES)
Second Regular Session)

SENATE

Senate Bill No. _____
(In Substitution of Senate Bill No. 120)

Prepared by the Committees on Agriculture, Food and Agrarian Reform; Finance;
and Ways and Means with Senator Cynthia A. Villar as author thereof

AN ACT
TO DEVELOP THE PHILIPPINE CORN INDUSTRY, ENHANCE THE
AVAILABILITY AND AFFORDABILITY OF QUALITY FEEDS AND STAPLE
FOOD, AND PROVIDE FOR A CORN COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT
FUND

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in
Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the "Philippine Corn
Industry Development Act".

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State to promote the
inclusive development and competitiveness of the corn industry, particularly among
smallhold farmers, to increase the supply of yellow corn, white corn and other
indigenous corn varieties to enhance the availability and affordability of corn for the
feeds industry and for human consumption. It is likewise the policy of the State to
increase the income of farmers and farm workers to alleviate rural poverty through
enhanced production efficiency and efficient post-production facilities.
Towards this end, the State shall nurture an enabling environment and establish
responsive government policies and support programs for the corn industry, with
prime focus on the smallhold corn farmers.

1 The State shall be committed to providing necessary support and incentives to
2 build stronger partnerships and cooperation with the private sector in recognition of
3 their vital role in achieving the objectives of this Act.

SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.* – As used in this Act:

- a) *Corn* refers to yellow corn for animal feeds, and white corn and other corn
varieties for human consumption;
b) *Feeds* refers to a single or combination of ingredients, supplements, and
additives by specific formula to be fed directly to animals which is capable
of providing the nutritional requirements in order to sustain life, promote
growth, production, and reproduction; and
c) *Smallhold Farmer* refers to a farmer owning or cultivating three (3)
hectares or less of farmland;

SEC. 4. *Corn Industry Development Roadmap.* – The roadmap shall set
the strategic direction and key initiatives of the Corn Industry Development under this
Act. It shall be crafted in consultation with relevant stakeholders that include but not
limited to smallhold farmers, feed processors, livestock farmers, regulatory offices,
and academe. It shall be finalized within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act
and updated every five (5) years thereafter.

The BPI, together with the government agencies cited in this Act, shall
spearhead the crafting of the roadmap.

SEC. 5. *Designation of the Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI); Creation of
BPI Field Offices and the Program Management and Coordinating Office
(PMCO).* – The BPI is hereby designated as the implementing agency of this Act.
Towards this end, the BPI is hereby authorized to establish BPI field offices in corn
production areas designated in this Act and a Program Management and Coordinating
Office (PMCO) in its main office, with budgetary support from the Corn Fund.
The PMCO, headed by the BPI Executive Director, shall serve as the planning
and administrative secretariat in the implementation of this Act.

1 **SEC. 6. *Powers and Functions.*** – In addition to its existing powers and
2 functions as the premier government agency in the plant industry, the BPI shall have
3 the following powers and functions under this Act:
4 a) Manage, supervise and monitor the Corn Fund under Sections 8 and 9 of this
5 Act;
6 b) In partnership with the Bureau of Agricultural Research (BAR) and the corn
7 research stations in corn provinces designated herein, establish a network of
8 research institutions engaged in corn varietal improvement, propagation, and
9 distribution;
10 c) In partnership with the Institute of Plant Breeding at UP Los Banos, establish
11 and maintain a corn bank of corn varieties which shall be kept, protected,
12 accessed and utilized for the implementation of this Act; and
13 d) Establish a reliable, efficient and holistic corn industry database management
14 system which shall cater to the needs of the corn industry, particularly the corn
15 production areas in this Act.

16 **SEC. 7. *Corn Production Areas.*** – The provinces of Bukidnon, Cebu, Isabela,
17 and Cagayan Province are hereby designated as corn production areas and shall be
18 the sole beneficiaries of the Corn Fund under this Act. Their designation is based on
19 historical corn production data of the country and climatic factors.
20 These provinces shall share to other provinces, through the BPI field offices,
21 quality corn seeds and feeds they produce. The BPI shall draft guidelines for the
22 operationalization of sharing and distribution with other provinces.

23 **SEC. 8. *Creation of the Corn Competitiveness Enhancement Fund***
24 ***(Corn Fund).*** – In addition to the regular budget from the annual General
25 Appropriations Act (GAA) of the agencies herein mentioned, there is hereby created a
26 Corn Competitiveness Enhancement Fund for the use of these agencies.
27 The Corn Fund shall consist of an annual appropriation of Three billion pesos
28 (P3,000,000,000.00) sourced from tariff collections on imported corn, feed wheat,

1 feeds, and other products and ingredients for feeds for the next ten (10) years
2 following the effectivity of this Act.
3 *Corn Imports* include imported products under the following HS headings or
4 2022 AHTN Codes, and Descriptions:
5 **10.05** Maize (corn).
6 1005.90.90 -- Other
7 1005.90.90.100 -- In-Quota
8 1005.90.90.200 -- Out-Quota
9 *Feed Wheat Imports* include imported products under the following HS
10 headings or 2022 AHTN Codes, and Descriptions:
11 **10.01** Wheat and meslin.
12 -- -- Other
13 1001.99.91 -- Meslin
14 1001.99.99 -- Other
15 *Feeds and Other Products and Ingredients for Feeds Imports* include imported
16 products under the following HS headings or 2022 AHTN Codes, and Descriptions:
17 **10.03** - Barley
18 1003.10.00 - Seed
19 1003.90.00 - Other
20 **10.04** - Oats
21 1004.10.00 - Seed
22 1004.90.00 - Other
23 **10.07** Grain Sorghum
24 1007.10.00 - Seed
25 1007.90.00 - Other
26 **23.01** Flour, meals and pellets, of meat or meat offal, of fish or of crustaceans,
27 molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates, unfit for human consumption;
28 greaves.
29 2301.10.00 - Flours, meals and pellets, of meat or meat offal; greaves
30 2301.20 - Flours, meals and pellets, of fish or of crustaceans,
31 molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates

1	2301.20.10	- Of fish, with a protein content of less than 60% by weight
2	2301.20.20	- Of fish, with a protein content of 60% or more by weight
3	2301.20.90	- Other
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5	23.02	Bran, sharps, and other residues, whether or not in the forms of pellets,
6		derived from the sifting, milling or other working of cereals or of
7		leguminous plants.
8	2302.10.00	- Of maize (corn)
9	2302.30	- Of Wheat:
10	2302.30.10	- - Brans and pollards
11	2302.30.90	- - Other
12	2302.40	- Of other cereals:
13	2302.40.10	- Of rice
14	2302.40.90	- Other
15	2302.50.00	- Of leguminous plants
16	23.03	Residues of a starch manufacture and similar residues, beet-pulp,
17		bagasse, and other waste of sugar manufacture, brewing or distilling
18		dregs and waste, whether or not in the form of pellets
19	2303.10	- Residues of starch manufacture and similar residues:
20	2303.10.10	- - Of manioc (cassava) or sago
21	2303.10.90	- - Other
22	2303.20.00	- Beet-pulp, bagasse and other waste of sugar
23		manufacture
24	2303.30.00	- Brewing or distilling dregs and waste
25	23.04	Oil-cake and other solid residues, whether or not ground or in the form
26		of pellets, resulting from the extraction of soya-bean oil.
27		- Soya-bean meal
28	2304.00.29	- - Other
29	2304.00.90	- Other

1	23.05	2305.00.00	Oil-cake and other solid residues, whether or not
2			ground or in the form of pellets, resulting from the extraction of ground-
3			nut oil.
4	23.06		Oil-cake and other solid residues, whether or not ground or in the
5			forms of pellets, resulting from the extraction of vegetable or microbial
6			fats or oils, other than those of heading 23.04 or 23.05.
7		2306.10.00	- Of cotton seeds;
8		2306.20.00	- Of linseeds;
9		2306.30.00	- Of sunflower seeds;
10			- Of rape or colza seeds
11		2306.41	- - Of low erucic acid rape or colza seeds
12		2306.41.10	- - - Of low erucic acid rape seeds
13		2306.41.20	- - - Of low erucic acid colza seeds
14		2306.49	- - Other :
15		2306.49.10	- - - Of other rape seeds
16		2306.49.20	- - - Of other colza seeds
17		2306.50.00	- Of coconut or copra;
18		2306.60	- Of palm nuts or kernels;
19		2306.60.10	- - Ground or in the form of pellets
20		2306.60.90	- - Other
21		2306.90	- Other :
22		2306.90.10	- - Of maize (corn) germ
23		2306.90.90	- - Other;
24	23.07	2307.00.00	Wine lees; argol.
25	23.08	2308.00.00	Vegetable materials and vegetable waste,
26			vegetable residues and by-products, whether or not in the form of
27			pellets, of a kind used in animal feeding, not elsewhere specified or
28			included
29	23.09		Preparations of a kind used in animal feeding.
30		2309.90	- Other
31			- - Complete feed :

2309.90.11 - - - Of a kind suitable for poultry
2309.09.12 - - - Of a kind suitable for swine

All tariff collections shall be automatically credited to a special account for Corn Industry Development in the general fund of the national treasury which shall be in place within forty five (45) days upon the effectivity of this Act: *Provided*, That if the tariff collection exceeds three billion pesos (P3,000,000,000.00) in any given year within the next ten (10) years following the effectivity of this Act, the excess tariff revenue shall automatically be added to the Corn Fund of the following year and the total amount be allocated and utilized in accordance with this Act.

Provided further, That allocation and utilization of the Corn Fund shall be subject to the following guidelines:

a) The recipient agency shall be accountable and responsible for the management and utilization of the said fund in coordination with other government agencies concerned. It shall provide the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture (DA) with a regular report on its fund management and utilization;

b) The amount allocated shall be released directly to the implementing agencies as provided for in this Act based on the objectives and plans of the Corn Industry Development Roadmap, under Section 4 of this Act: *Provided*, That the unutilized portion of the Corn Fund allocated to the implementing agencies shall not revert to the general fund but shall continue to be used for the purpose for which it was set aside. Fund releases charged against the said funds shall not be subject to any ceiling by the Department of Budget and Management; and

c) Any program undertaken in accordance with this Act shall only be deemed complementary and supplementary to, and shall not be a replacement of any existing programs for corn farmers already implemented by the DA and other agencies concerned.

SEC. 9. Allocation, Disbursement and Utilization of the Corn Competitiveness Enhancement Fund. – Subject to the usual accounting and

auditing rules and regulations, the Corn Fund shall be allocated, disbursed and utilized as follows:

Sixty percent (60%) for yellow corn production; Forty percent (40%) for white corn and other indigenous corn varieties, which shall be respectively divided by both as follows:

a) Forty percent (40%) for post-production (25%) and mechanization (15%) of corn farms, to be implemented by PHILMECH as grant in kind to eligible farmers' associations or organizations, registered corn cooperatives, and local government units (LGUs) in the form of provision of corn farm equipment such as corn planters, tillers, farm tractors, forage choppers, rotary seeders, power/boom sprayers, fertilizer spreader/appligator, harvesters, corn shellers, mechanical dryers, moisture meters, feed processors, and the establishment and improvement of corn post-harvest centers (including corn mills, waste utilization facilities and equipment, and corn-silage facilities), and warehouses and/or silos: *Provided*, That PHILMECH shall endeavor to develop and utilize local talents and resources in the manufacturing and provision of the foregoing equipment, tools and facilities;

b) Twenty percent (20%) for provision of seeds and fertilizers, to be implemented and/or supervised by the BPI: *Provided*, That in the procurement of seeds for distribution to farmers under this Act, the BPI shall source seeds from local Filipino seed producers, until their supply lasts;

c) Ten percent (10%) for irrigation to be established and constructed by the beneficiaries themselves, as they decide on the appropriate irrigation system for their farms, through the funding and supervision of the BPI;

d) Ten percent (10%) for the establishment and operations of BPI field offices in corn producing provinces in this Act and the Program Management and Coordinating Office (PMCO), which shall include the hiring and maintenance of needed personnel (8%), and for roadmap, review of the Corn Fund, and holistic database management (2%);

1 e) Ten percent (10%) for extension and training activities to increase corn
2 productivity, including training course grants, training/capacity building of
3 beneficiaries for maintenance servicing of machinery and equipment, and
4 organizing and clustering of smallholder corn farmers into formal groups,
5 cooperatives or associations. The fund shall be utilized by the Agricultural
6 Training Institute (4%), PHILMECH (4%) and DA-National Corn Program
7 (2%);
8 f) Ten percent (10%) for research to be implemented by Bureau of
9 Agricultural Research (BAR), 8% of which shall be spent for applied
10 research and 2% for basic research: *Provided*, That research initiatives shall
11 include, but not limited to:
12 i) Nutrient Management which shall look into increase yield and income
13 thru the use of cost reducing technologies (Site-specific Nutrient
14 Management for Maize (SSNM), Integrated Pest Management (IPM),
15 Community-based Participatory Research (CPAR), and development
16 of biofertilizers);
17 ii) Collection, conservation and utilization of native corn products (i.e.
18 CGUARD or germplasm utilization thru advance research and
19 development) thru development and improvement for resistance to
20 biotic and abiotic stresses, and development and commercialization
21 of high yielding and stress resistant open pollinated varieties and
22 hybrids;
23 iii) Pest Management thru development of rapid detection of aflatoxin
24 and other pests;
25 iv) Mechanization thru development of low-cost postharvest machines
26 that will reduce losses; and
27 v) Market Analysis which includes survey/study on consumers' preferred
28 rice-corn blend.

29 **SEC. 10. *Beneficiaries/Grantees of Corn Fund.*** – Within one hundred
30 eighty (180) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DA, in consultation with farmers'

1 cooperatives and organizations and LGUs, shall validate and update the master list of
2 eligible beneficiaries to ensure that those listed are corn farmers, cooperatives,
3 associations, and organizations.
4 The beneficiaries of the Corn Fund are smallhold corn farmers listed in the
5 Registry System for Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA), and corn farmer
6 cooperatives, associations, or organizations accredited by the DA: *Provided*, That
7 preferential attention shall be given to smallhold corn farmers who are members of
8 cooperatives, associations or organizations.

9 **SEC 11. *Review of the Corn Competitiveness Enhancement Fund.*** – The
10 following mandatory review of the Corn Fund shall be performed:

- 11 1. The Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) shall conduct
12 impact evaluation of the Corn Fund program on corn productivity on the
13 third (3rd), sixth (6th) and ninth (9th) year of the effectivity of this Act;
- 14 2. The percentage allocation of the Corn Fund will be reviewed on the third
15 (3rd) year from the effectivity of this Act for possible revisions should
16 intervention priorities change; and
- 17 3. On the ninth (9th) year from the effectivity of this Act, a mandatory review
18 shall be conducted by the Congressional Oversight Committee on
19 Agricultural and Fisheries Modernization (COCAFM) to determine whether
20 the Corn Fund and its utilization as provided for under this Act shall be
21 continued, amended, or terminated. The increase or decrease in farmers'
22 incomes shall be a primary benchmark in determining the effectiveness of
23 the interventions under the program and its possible extension;
- 24 In view of its oversight function, the COCAFM, at any time, may conduct an
25 assessment of the implementation of programs and utilization of Corn Fund as directed
26 under this Act.

27 **SEC. 12. *Lifting of Export Restrictions on Corn.*** – All laws, rules,
28 regulations, guidelines, and other issuances imposing export restrictions on corn,

1 except those related to the prevention and spread of plant, animal pests and diseases,
2 are hereby repealed.

3 **SEC. 13. *Disposition of Corn Fund under the National Food Authority***

4 **(NFA).** – The NFA shall liquidate and report on the accomplishment of its existing
5 corn marketing assistance program. Its corn development fund, enhanced electronic
6 trading system for corn, created under Presidential Memo No. 468 dated March 17,
7 1998, held in trust by the NFA, is hereby dissolved and the remaining money balance
8 transferred to the BPI for inclusion in the Corn Fund.

9 **SEC. 14. *Powers of the President.*** – The President is hereby empowered to:

10 a) Revise or adjust existing rates of customs duties on corn, feed wheat,
11 feeds, and other products and ingredients for feeds imports up to their
12 respective bound rates committed by the Philippines under the WTO
13 agreement on agriculture and under ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement,
14 including any necessary change in classification applicable to their
15 importation, subject to the provisions of the Customs Modernization and
16 Tariff Act (CMTA); *Provided*, That the adjustment is time-bound and that
17 the power herein delegated to the President shall only be exercised when
18 Congress is not in session: *Provided further*, That any order issued by the
19 President adjusting the applied tariff rates shall take effect fifteen (15) days
20 after publication;

21 b) Allow the importation of corn, feed wheat, feeds, and other products and
22 ingredients for feeds products at a lower applied tariff rate to address the
23 situation in the event of any imminent or forecasted shortage, animal
24 disease epidemic, or such other situation requiring government
25 intervention for a limited period and/or a specified volume. Such order shall
26 take effect immediately and can be issued even when Congress is in
27 session.

28 The power herein delegated to the President may be withdrawn or terminated
29 by Congress through a joint resolution.

1 **SEC. 15. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act is declared
2 unconstitutional, the remainder thereof not otherwise affected shall remain in full force
3 and effect.

4 **SEC. 16. *Repealing Clause.*** – Such other laws, presidential decrees, executive
5 orders, letters of instruction, proclamations or administrative regulations that are
6 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified
7 accordingly.

8 **SEC. 17. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days
9 following the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette, or in a newspaper of
10 general circulation.
11 Approved,