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MEMORANDUM ORDER
No. 101
Series of 2023

SUBJECT: AMMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 69 SERIES OF 2023 RECOMPOSITION OF THE BIOTECHNOLOGY CORE TEAM

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 Biotechnology Core Team is hereby recomposed, and four (4) sub-units shall be created with the following functions and personnel:

OVERALL OPERATION

Chair: **Ruel C. Gesmundo,** *Assistant Director for Regulatory Services and Concurrent Chief,* National Seed Quality Control Services Division
Co-Chair: **Geronima P. Eusebio,** *OIC-Head,* Biotechnology Office

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. Document and evaluate reports and proposals relevant to biotechnology
3. Resolve issues pertaining to biotech regulations
4. Act as adviser Director in making decisions related to biotechnology
5. Coordinate network activities with other government agencies and private agencies on biosafety regulation

BCT- Joint Department Circular

Head: Geronima P. Eusebio
Asst. Head: Sheeb Kaiserin M. Quiaonza

Members:

Lilia A. Portales, Ph.D.
Joel L. Adorada, Ph.D.
Peter M. Magdaraog, Ph.D.
Viola Katherine M. Gamboa
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Zyrine C. Lorizo
Laurie A. Salumbides
Julio Salvador C. Valeza
Christian Allen C. Taleon
Cedric A. Dumael
Diana SJ. Tabudlong
Kathlen B. Racho
Russ-Uzi Mayenne A. Ebora

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 and recommend conditions in the Biosafety Permit for field trial, direct use, and commercial propagation
4. Perform other functions related to Revised JDC
5. Provide frontline services for the processing of applications for field trial, commercial propagation, and direct use permits.

BCT-Plant Breeding Innovations

Head: Geronima P. Eusebio
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Members:

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Cyd Clarisse C. Palado
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Mark Julius Mercado
Vicky S. Manayon
Jose Diego E. Roxas

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

BCT-Post Approval Monitoring Group

Chair: Joel L. Adorada, PhD.
Co-chair: Lilia A. Portales, PhD

Members:

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Peter M. Magdaraog, Ph.D.
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Merabil A. Laquinta
Mar J. De Guzman
Glaiza Marie L. Duron
Arnil H. Alleluya
Brian Joseph S. 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
5. Collate all information related to post approval monitoring

Biotech Secretariat

Overall Head: Sheeb Kaiserin Quiaonza
Asst. Head: Sherilynne A. Leoncio

Members:

Tracey Mae Cea
Alexis Marie T. Sagisi
Darlene Joy M. Siena
Ericka Joy U. Ancayan
Ken Robin V. Loberiano
Janine B. Mantilla
Nicolas B. Palacpac
Lovely D. Dela Cruz
Morshid M. Macalayo

Terms of Reference:

1. Assist the Biotech Core Team and its sub-units in day-to-day operations
2. Process GM application and conduct evaluation for its completeness and sufficiency
3. Prepare and consolidate the risk assessment reports of agencies document reports and proposals relevant to biotechnology

4. Prepare office memoranda and letters
5. Provide support in the conduct of seminars, workshops, training, and other activities
6. Formulate and maintain a library system in the implementation of the revised JDC No.1 s2021
7. Provide frontline services for the processing of applications for field trials, commercial propagation, and direct use permits.
8. Open an application file for all biosafety permit applications
9. Keep updated its Approval Registries.
10. Provide technical and administrative assistance to the Joint Assessment Group.
11. Prepare the consolidated report on the Public Information Sheet.
12. Announce at its website all applications and biosafety permits issued.
13. Document the discussions of the JAG during its meetings and assist in the preparation of the recommendation document for the BPI Director.
14. Perform other relevant functions

As such, the Biotechnology Core Team shall perform all the duties and responsibilities inherent to their respective designation in addition to their present workload.

All officials and employees of the Bureau of Plant Industry are hereby enjoined to give their full support and cooperation to the members of the Biotechnology Core Team.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall supersede all other Orders inconsistent herewith.

GERALD GLENN F. PANGANIBAN, Ph.D.
Director