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Subject: OPERATIONALIZATION OF REFUGE SAMPLING AND TESTING TO MONITOR THE COMPLIANCE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INSECT RESISTANCE MANAGEMENT (IRM) STRATEGY FOR BT CORN TARGETING ASIAN CORN BORER (ACB)

1.0 Objective

To monitor compliance of technology developer/ licensee on refuge requirements and issuance of laboratory analysis result or certification as per the implementation of the Insect Resistance Management (IRM) Strategy for Bt Corn targeting Asian Corn Borer (ACB).


2.0 Scope

This procedure covers the process from the request of technology developers/licensees to conduct refuge sampling, laboratory testing, and issuance of results.

3.0 Definition of Terms

Laboratory Analysis Result or Certification	a document released by the Biotechnology Office which indicates the results of the refuge testing
Primary sample	a portion taken from the seed lot during one single sampling action
Refuge Sampling and Testing Request Form	a document submitted by technology developers that indicates the sampling schedule and sampling plan
Refuge seeds	non-Bt seeds intended to be planted with Bt crops (corn plants) to produce susceptible insects that can mate with any resistant insects emerging from the Bt crop
Refuge testing	laboratory testing conducted to check the presence of Bt proteins from collected samples to verify if the lot is applicable to be used as a refuge for Bt corn
Sampling	the process of obtaining a representative sample from a lot
Seed lot	specified quantity of seed that is physically and uniquely identifiable

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4.0 Procedure Details

FLOW	PERSON/UNIT RESPONSIBLE	DETAILS
	Technology developer/ licensee	The technology developer/ licensee shall submit the refuge sampling and testing request form to the Biotechnology Office one (1) week before the proposed refuge sampling schedule. The request should include the sampling plan with complete information such as lot number, sample description, and quantity represented.
	Biotechnology Office	The Biotechnology Office shall confirm and inform the technology developer/ licensee of the availability or unavailability of the requested schedule. Once there is an agreed schedule the sampling activity may proceed.
	Technology developer/ licensee and Biotechnology Office	The Biotechnology Office shall confirm the number of primary samples to be collected from seed lots and supervise the sampling activity.
	Biotechnology Office	The technology developer/ licensee has two options:
	Technology developer/ licensee	<p>A) the Biotechnology Office shall receive samples and perform laboratory testing in the BPI laboratory; and</p> <p>B) the technology developer/ licensee shall conduct laboratory testing at their laboratory facility under the supervision of the Biotechnology office.</p> <p>In both options, the results of the refuge testing must be recorded on the Refuge Testing Summary.</p>

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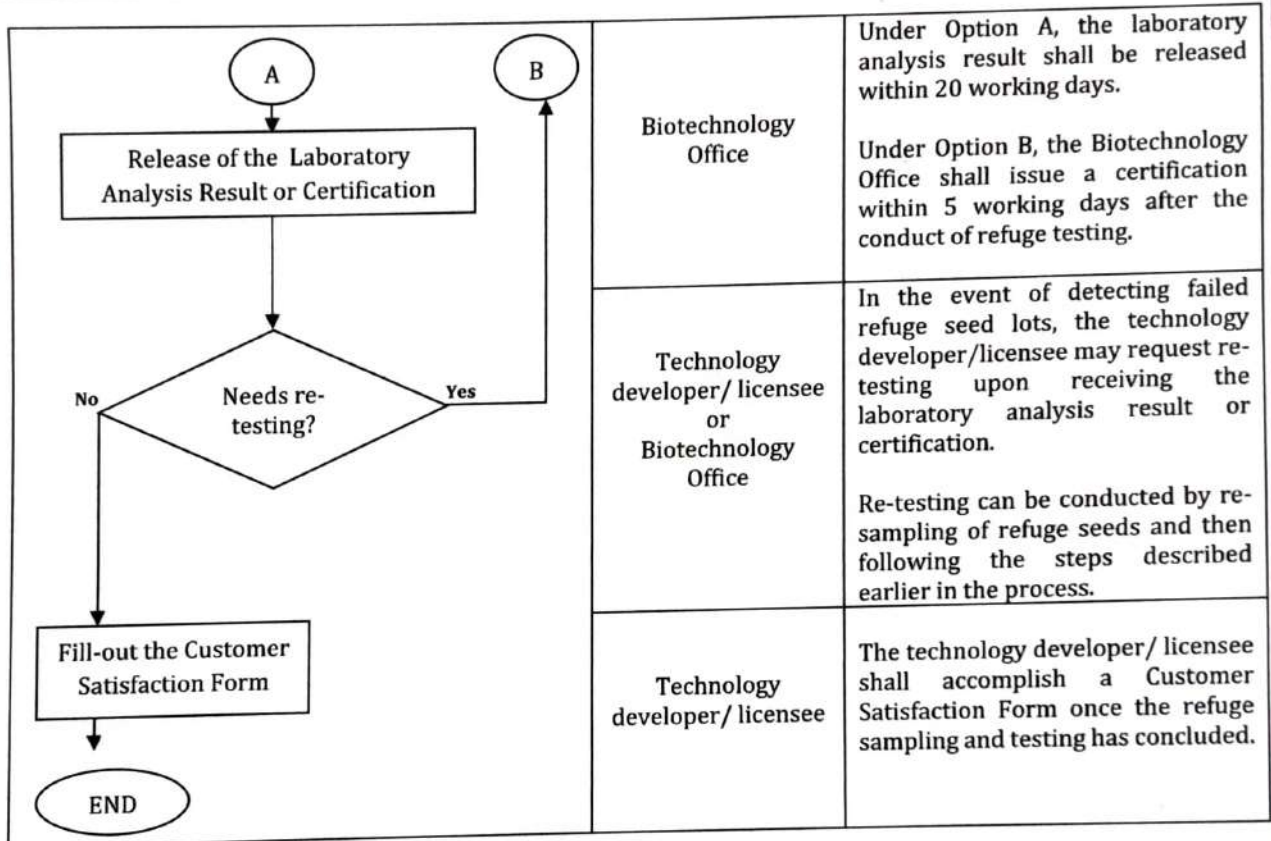
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5.0 Forms Used and Records Generated

- Refuge Sampling and Testing Request Form
- Laboratory Analysis Result or Certification
- Refuge Testing Summary

6.0 References

DA Memorandum Circular No. 2 series of 2014
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7.0 Effectivity

The effectivity date of this document shall be five (5) working days after the approval by the authorized signatory.



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