



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Agriculture
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY
692 San Andres St., Malate, Manila

Biosafety Permit for Commercial Propagation Number 16-001

Stacked trait product corn: **MON89034 x NK603** owned and licensed by **Monsanto Philippines, Inc.**, with office address at 23rd Flr. Tower II, Insular Life Corporate Centre, Insular Life Drive, Filinvest Corporate City, Alabang, Muntinlupa City, has satisfactorily undergone biosafety assessment pursuant to the DOST-DA-DENR-DOH-DILG Joint Department Circular No. 1, Series of 2016.

The plant product with stacked traits conferred through conventional breeding has individual traits that have already been granted prior approval for commercial propagation, pursuant to the DA Administrative Order No. 8 Series of 2002, by the Bureau of Plant Industry, namely:

Corn MON89034, renewed on November 19, 2015, Biosafety Permit No. 15-00011

Corn NK603, approved on March 16, 2015, Biosafety Permit No. 15-009

No interactions were found between the stacked traits; hence this stacked trait product was found to be as safe as conventional corn and can substitute for its traditional counterpart for commercial propagation. Monsanto Philippines, Inc., is hereby notified that it may proceed with the activities for this stacked trait product.

The commercial propagation of this stacked trait product is subject to post approval conditions stated in this permit. The permittee shall duly inform the public of this approval by way of publishing in any one (1) of the top three (3) leading newspapers in the country. A copy of such publication shall be submitted to the Bureau of Plant Industry within (10) days after publication. A violation of this condition shall lead to revocation of this permit as provided in the DOST-DA-DENR-DOH-DILG Joint Department Circular No.1, Series of 2016.

This permit is valid for five years and shall expire on September 29, 2021 subject to the following conditions:

1. Implementation of an insect resistance management and weed resistance management plan;
2. BPI Notification of the concerned LGUs where it may be used as well as the monitoring by concerned agencies (DENR, DOH, DA-BPI);
3. Limitation of planting and/or commercial propagation within agricultural lands, those of which are classified as Alienable and Disposable (A&D lands);
4. No planting and/or commercial propagation done in forests, timberlands, protected areas and critical habitats;

5. An environmental health monitoring plan to be submitted 3-6 months after issuance of the biosafety permit to the DOH-BC/DA-BC;
6. All other permit conditions identified by Article 6. Section 16.H of JDC1s. 2016.

The permit holder shall notify the Director of BPI, within the time periods and in the manner specified below, in case of any of the following occurrences:

- a. Immediately upon discovery, not exceeding twenty-four (24) hours, through verifiable means of communication (email, text message, etc.), in the event that new information becomes available indicating that the regulated article could pose greater risks to biodiversity, human and animal health than its conventional counterpart; and
- b. In writing, as soon as possible, but not to exceed three (3) working days, if the regulated article or associated host organism is found to have characteristics substantially different from those listed in the application, or suffers from any unusual occurrence (excessive mortality or morbidity, unanticipated effect on non-target organisms).

In the event new information becomes available indicating that the regulated article could pose greater risks to biodiversity, human and animal health than its conventional counterpart, the applicant shall, on its own, immediately take measures necessary to protect human health and the environment;

The permit holder shall not cause the commercial propagation in areas where the local government unit has a known policy or ordinance prohibiting the propagation or entry of regulated articles. For this purpose, it shall include in the labeling of products that these are not intended for propagation in prohibited areas.

Issued this 30th day of September 2016 at the Bureau of Plant Industry, San Andres St., Malate, Manila.


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