



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

**Biosafety Permit for Direct Use as Food and Feed,
or for Processing
Number 18-008FFP**

Stacked trait product **Cotton MON15985 x MON88913** owned and licensed by Monsanto Philippines Inc., with office address at 23rd Flr. Tower II, Insular Life Corporate Center, 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 S 2016.

The plant product with the stacked traits conferred through conventional breeding has individual traits that have already been granted prior approval for direct use as food and feed, or for processing, pursuant to the DA Administrative Order No. 8, by the Bureau of Plant Industry, namely:


- a. Cotton MON15985, approved on December 5, 2013, Biosafety Permit No. 13-073; and
- b. Cotton MON88913, approved on November 26, 2015, Biosafety Permit No. 15-087.

No interactions were found between stacked traits, hence this product was found to be as safe as conventional cotton and can be substitute for its traditional counterpart for direct use as food and feed or for processing.

Monsanto Philippines, Inc., is hereby notified that it may proceed with the activities for the stacked trait product. The importation of this stacked trait product is subject to conditions stated in this permit.

This permit shall expire on May 27, 2023 subject to the conditions stated at the back of this permit.

Issued this 28th day of May, 2018 at the Bureau of Plant Industry, San Andres St., Malate, Manila.

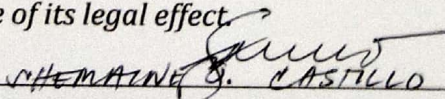

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OIC-Director
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Biosafety Permit Conditions

1. The permittee shall duly inform the public of this approval by way of publishing in any one of the top three leading newspapers in the country. A copy of such publication shall be submitted to the BPI within ten days after publication;
2. The regulated article shall be imported solely and exclusively for direct use as food and feed, or for processing and not for field testing or propagation;
3. Biosafety permit of the individual traits contained in this stack should be renewed six (6) months before their respective expiration dates;
4. The BPI shall impose the following conditions on the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Import Clearance (SPSIC):
 - a. In case of accidental release of cotton MON15985 x MON88913, such as road spill during transport, it is the responsibility of the importers to inform the BPI immediately. The technology developer, Monsanto Philippines Inc., will assist the BPI to prevent unwanted germination of the GM seeds.
 - b. Control and mitigating measures as identified in the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) must be complied to prevent unwanted release of GM seeds into the environment;
5. If new information on the regulated article and its effects on human health and the environment becomes available, and such information is relevant and significant, the risk assessment shall be readdressed to determine whether the risk has changed or whether there is a need to amend the risk management strategies accordingly;
6. There shall be information sharing between the applicant and concerned government agencies regarding the measures in place/proposed to inform the buying public about the use of GMO in feed production with GM cotton as well as those products that directly use cotton as ingredient; and
7. Compliance of the permit holder with the conditions set by the BPI as stated in the Biosafety Permit for Direct Use (Article 7. Section 21.H of JDC1s. 2016).

Violation of any 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. 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 and animal health, and the environment.

I have read and understood the Terms and Conditions herein set forth and I enter in this agreement voluntarily and with my express consent, I have unto affix my signature with full knowledge of its legal effect.



13 JUNE 2018

Signature over printed name of the Technology Developer

Date