

## 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 18-009FFP

Combined trait product soybean: **FG72 x A5547-127** owned and licensed by **Bayer CropScience, Inc.** with office address at 3<sup>rd</sup> Flr. Bayer House, Canlubang, Calamba, Laguna, Philippines, has satisfactorily undergone biosafety assessment pursuant to the DOST-DA-DENR-DOH-DILG Joint Department Circular (JDC) No. 1, Series of 2016.

The plant product with combined 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 by the Bureau of Plant Industry, namely:

Soybean FG72, approved on September 9, 2015, Biosafety Permit No. 15-085 Soybean A5547-127, renewed on February 1, 2017, Biosafety Permit No. 17-002FFP

No interactions were found between the combined traits; hence this product was found to be as safe as conventional soybean and can substitute for its traditional counterpart for direct use as food and feed, or for processing. Bayer CropScience, Inc. is hereby notified that it may proceed with the activities for this combined trait product. The importation of this combined trait product is subject to the conditions stated in this permit.

This permit is issued on June 22, 2018 at the Bureau of Plant Industry, San Andres St., Malate, Manila subject to conditions stated at the back of this permit, and shall expire on June 21, 2023.

GEORGE Y. CULASTE

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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 Bureau of Plant Industry 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 soybean FG72 x A5547-127, such as road spill during transport, it is the responsibility of the importers to inform the Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI) immediately. The technology developer, Bayer CropScience, 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 the production of animals feed with GM soybean as well as those products that directly use soybean as ingredient.
- 7. Compliance of the permit holder with the conditions set by the Bureau of Plant Industry (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.

Signature over printed name of the Technology Developer

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