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**ENGR. ROGER V. NAVARRO**

Responsible Officer

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**ATTY. DENNIS M. GUERRERO**

Authorized Representative

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**SUBJECT: Decision on the Deregulation of Corn NK603 Petitioned by the Philippine Maize Federation Inc.**

Dear **ENGR. NAVARRO** and **ATTY. GUERRERO**:

Greetings!

This is to inform you of the final decision on your filed petition for deregulation of corn event NK603.

In view of the current regulations placed by JDC No.1 s 2021, we find it necessary to **not** grant your petition for deregulation as this procedure has effectively been superseded by the latter.

While we agree that the presented information leads to the conclusion that the transformation event corn NK603 does not pose greater harm to human and animal health and the environment, the corn containing this transformation event is subject to post-approval conditions bound to the current permit holder, Monsanto Philippines Inc. (Now known as Bayer Crop Science Philippines, Inc.). The Department of Agriculture-Biosafety Committee (DA-BC) has also concluded that no new information has been presented that would require any further actions.

With the JDC No.1 s 2021 taking effect and in compliance to the Section 38 of the circular, transitory provisions pertaining, we therefore write to you BPI's decision to not grant the petition to remain in agreement with current regulations which do not allow for deregulation.

However, within the transitory provisions of the latest circular, biosafety permits are granted perpetual validity unless revoked, achieving the goal of deregulation, which removes the expiration dates of any biosafety permit with prior approval.



We believe that with this decision, you and your group will still be able to use GM corn and with minimized risk of supply disruption. We emphasize that this decision had been made considering the recommendation of the DA-BC, and is being executed with finality.

Should you have any inquiries, please get in touch with the Biotech Secretariat at our telephone number (8) 251-2267 loc 203 or [bpibiotechsecretariat@gmail.com](mailto:bpibiotechsecretariat@gmail.com).

Thank you very much!

Yours truly,

  
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Director