



MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 101

Series of 2018

Subject: RECONSTITUTION OF THE BPI BIOTECH TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP (BioTAG)

In the interest of the service and for the smooth implementation of DOST-DA-DENR-DOH-DILG Joint Department Circular (JDC) No. 1, Series of 2016 entitled "Rules and Regulations for the Research and Development, Handling and Use, Transboundary Movement, Release into the Environment, and Management of Genetically-Modified Plant and Plant Products Derived from the Use of Modern Biotechnology", the BPI BioTAG is hereby reconstituted to assist the BPI Director in the implementation of the biotech activities related to the aforementioned JDC.

The BPI BioTAG shall be reconstituted as follows:

Chairman	:	Gerald Glenn Panganiban	OIC-Assistant Director for Regulatory and Operations
Co-Vice Chair	:	Geronima Eusebio Peter Magdaraog, PhD	Supervising Agriculturist Senior Agriculturist
Members	:	Amor Dimayacyac Andres Alemania Lilia Portales, PhD Joel Adorada, PhD Sonny Conde, PhD Sheeb Kaiserin Quiaonza Darwin Landicho Aldwin Mendoza Christian Allen Taleon Zyrine Lorizo	Supervising Agriculturist Supervising Agriculturist Senior Agriculturist Senior Agriculturist Chemist III Senior Agriculturist Agriculturist II Agriculturist II Agriculturist I Agricultural Technologist II

BPI BioTAG Secretariat

Members	:	Sherilynne Leoncio Sheeb Kaiserin Quiaonza Zyrine Lorizo Viola Katherine Gambo Nicholas Palacpac Roy Boten	Senior Admin. Asst. III Senior Agriculturist Agricultural Technologist II Science Research Technician III Information System Researcher II Information System Researcher II
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Duties and responsibilities of BPI BioTAG


1. Supervise activities relevant to the implementation of the DOST-DA-DENR-DOH-DILG JDC No.1, Series of 2016;
2. Review public consultation documents submitted by the technology developers;
3. Evaluate reports and proposals relevant to biotechnology;
4. Review conditions in the Biosafety Permit of approved GM application;
5. Network with other government and private agencies on biotech regulation;
6. Resolve issues pertaining to biotechnology matters under the BPI;
7. Coordinate with the Post Approval Monitoring Group (PAMG) regarding Insect and Weed Resistance Management activities;
8. Advise the BPI Director regarding issues and decisions related to biotechnology;
9. Perform other functions related to DOST-DA-DENR-DOH-DILG JDC No.1, Series of 2016; and
10. Perform other functions as instructed by the BPI Director

Duties and Responsibilities of BioTAG Secretariat

1. Process GM applications and conduct evaluation for its completeness and sufficiency
2. Facilitate the farming-out of documents to agencies, STRP members, and other relevant institutions;
3. Consolidate risk assessment reports of genetically modified (GM) crops submitted by concerned agencies and Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) members
4. Document reports and proposals relevant to biotechnology
5. Prepare office memoranda and letters pertaining to biotechnology
6. Provide support in the conduct of seminars, workshops, trainings and other Biotech activities;
7. Formulate and maintain a filing system in the implementation of the JDC No.1, S2016; and
8. Perform other relevant functions assigned by the Chair and Vice-Chair

Expenses incurred by the BPI Director (Approving officer), the BPI BioTAG and its Secretariat in the performance of their respective duties and functions shall be charged to the Biotechnology trust fund derived from the fees collected as Risk Assessment Review Cost (RARC) based on MC No.9, Series of 2003 subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This order shall take effect immediately upon signing and supersedes all other Memorandum Orders inconsistent herewith.


GEORGEY CULASTE
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