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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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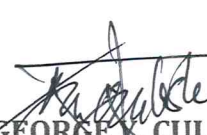
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Subject: ADDRESSING THE CURRENT OVERLAPS IN BIOSAFETY PERMITS OF A REGULATED ARTICLE FOR DIRECT USE AS FOOD AND FEED, OR FOR PROCESSING (FFP) AND COMMERCIAL PROPAGATION UNDER THE JOINT DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. 1, SERIES OF 2016

This Memorandum Order addresses the scenario whereby a technology developer who originally is granted a biosafety permit for direct use decides to apply for a permit for commercial propagation for the same regulated article and is granted the latter.

In the event that the regulated article that is granted a biosafety permit for direct use under JDC No. 1, S2016 is likewise granted a biosafety permit for commercial propagation under the same Circular, the validity/term/expiry date of biosafety permit of the regulated article for commercial propagation shall take precedence.

The approved regulated article for direct use shall remain in the Approval Registry of Regulated Articles for Direct Use as Food and Feed and for Processing with a reference that there is existing permit for commercial propagation for the same and that it can be imported as previously when granted a biosafety permit for direct use. When imported for direct use, the regulated article shall comply with the requirements for the issuance of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Import Clearance (SPSIC) and present Declaration of GMO Content. The technology developer shall ensure that the biosafety permit for commercial propagation is updated for the regulated article to remain in the Approval Registry for Direct Use.


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