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MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 65

Series of 2020

Subject: CREATION OF THE BPI BIOTECH CORE TEAM (BCT)

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 BCT is hereby created to assist the BPI Director in the implementation of the biotech activities related to the aforementioned JDC.

The BPI BCT shall be composed of the following:

Chairman	: Andres L. Alemania	Assistant Director for Regulatory
Co-Vice Chair:	Geronima Eusebio Peter Magdaraog, PhD.	Supervising Agriculturist Supervising Agriculturist
Members	: Joan May Tolentino Amor Dimayacyac Ferlavee Apacionado Lilian Teaño Sonny Conde, PhD. Lilia Portales, PhD. Joel Adorada, PhD. Sheeb Kaiserin Quiaonza Darwin Landicho Christian Allen Taleon Aldwin Mendoza Cyd Clarisse Palado Diana Tabudlong Zyrine Lorizo	Supervising Agriculturist Supervising Agriculturist Supervising Agriculturist Supervising Agriculturist Chemist III Senior Agriculturist Senior Agriculturist Senior Agriculturist Agriculturist II Agriculturist II Agriculturist II Agriculturist II Agriculturist II Agriculturist II Agricultural Technologist II

BPI BCT Secretariat

Members	: Sherilynne Leoncio Viola Katherine Gamboa Tracey Mae Cea Nicolas Palacpac Zyrine Lorizo Roy Boten Sheeb Kaiserin Quiaonza	Senior Admin Officer II Science Research Technician III Science Research Technician II Data Controller IV Agricultural Technologist II Information System Researcher II Senior Agriculturist
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Duties and Responsibilities of BPI BCT


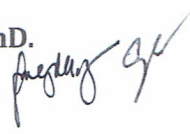
1. Supervise activities relevant to the implementation of the DOST-DA-DENR-DOH-DILG JDC No.1, Series of 2016;
2. Review public consultation documents submitted by applicant;
3. Document and evaluate reports and proposals relevant to biotechnology;
4. Review conditions in the Biosafety Permit of approved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

Duties and Responsibilities of BCT 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. Prepare and 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 library 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 BCT 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.


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Director
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March 10, 2020

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