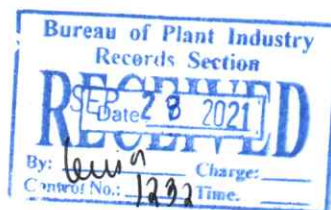




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SPECIAL ORDER
 NO. 697
 Series of 2021

Subject: CREATION OF REVIEW TEAM ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REVISED JOINT DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR (R-JDC) ON THE REGULATION OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED PLANTS AND PLANT PRODUCTS

In the exigency of the service and to prepare for the smooth implementation of the proposed revision of the DOST-DA-DENR-DOH-DILG Joint Department Circular no. 1, series of 2021 "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", a Review Team for this purpose is hereby created. The composition of the team is as follows:

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The Review Team shall perform the following tasks:

1. Study the proposed revised DOST-DA-DENR-DOH-DILG Joint Department Circular on the regulation of genetically modified plants and plant products and identify the new and enhanced mandate and functions of BPI, particularly on the:
 - a. acceptance of applications for biosafety permits under the new system;
 - b. evaluation for risk assessment under the new timelines;
 - c. provision of technical and administrative support to the Joint Assessment Groups;
 - d. monitoring of permit conditions for field trial, commercial propagation, direct use as food, feed, or processing (FFP), and similar post-approval requirements;
 - e. inspection of inland and transboundary movement of regulated articles, when warranted;
 - f. conduct of sampling and laboratory testing to detect and verify GM presence in (i) commodity shipment for imported products or (ii) seed lots in local seed processing plants for compliance to insect resistance management (IRM) strategies; and
 - g. other related tasks prescribed and emanating from the revised joint department circular;
2. Identify the key technical and administrative staff from BPI that will be assigned to efficiently and effectively accomplish the JDC-related tasks and functions enumerated under item 1;



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3. Propose an administrative setup within the BPI for the effective and efficient accomplishment of the JDC-related tasks and functions, including the coordination with other regulatory agencies involved in the implementation of the revised JDC;
4. With items 1 to 3 above, prepare an implementation plan for BPI on the revised JDC for endorsement to and consideration by the DA Secretary;
5. Conduct a training needs assessment to identify the capacity-building needs of BPI and other institutions that will be involved in the implementation of the revised JDC;
6. Help update the risk assessment instruments and other documents used in the acceptance, processing, evaluation, and issuance related to biosafety permit applications; and
7. Review all previous policy and regulatory issuances issued under (a) Department of Agriculture Administrative Order no. 8, series of 2002, and (b) DOST-DA-DENR-DOH-DILG Joint Department Circular no. 1, series of 2016, to propose amendments and updating, where necessary.

The BPI Biotech Office shall serve as the Secretariat of the RT-JDC. The RT-JDC shall report to the BPI Director, who shall report to Undersecretary for Policy and Planning.

This order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until revoked.

Done this 24th day of September 2021.

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