

Decision for the Safety Assessment of
MONSANTO's Corn NK603 x T25
for Direct Use as food and feed or for processing

Monsanto Philippines, Inc. submitted an application of Corn NK603 x T25 for direct use as food and feed or for processing to the Bureau of Plant Industry on October 30, 2009. Monsanto Philippines, Inc. has provided latest scientific studies in support of the safety claims to renew the biosafety permit for direct use as food and feed or for processing. A dossier of relevant scientific studies on Corn NK603 x T25 were provided to the Scientific Technical Review Panel (STRP) who reviewed all the documents submissions to determine the safety of the regulated article on human and animal health.

After reviewing the scientific data and information relevant to the application of Monsanto Philippines, Inc, the STRP concluded that Corn NK603 x T25 and all progenies derived from crosses of the product with any conventionally-bred corn, and corn containing approved-biotech events for direct use as food and feed or for processing is as safe and substantially equivalent to its unmodified counterpart.

Monsanto Philippines, Inc. has satisfactorily complied with all requirements for a biosafety notification. The BPI Biotechnology Core Team reviewed the results of the assessment of the STRP. The results of the final review concluded the safety of Corn NK603 x T25 for direct use as food and feed or for processing, which was therefore recommended for the renewal of its Biosafety notification for direct use as food and feed or for processing.

A biosafety notification renewal for Corn NK603 x T25 and all progenies derived from crosses of the product with any conventionally-bred corn and corn containing approved-biotech events for direct use as food and feed or for processing was issued to Monsanto Phils. Inc. on April 22, 2010. The biosafety notification indicated that no interactions were found between the stacked traits, hence the Corn NK603 x T25 is as safe for human food, livestock feed and for processing as its conventional counterpart.

Corn NK603 x T25 will be included in the Approval Registry for direct use as food and feed or for processing being prepared by the Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Plant Industry.