



MEMORANDUM ORDER

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SUBJECT: CREATION OF THE BPI BIOTECHNOLOGY OFFICE

In the exigency of service and for the smooth implementation of the DOST-DA-DENR-DOH-DILG Joint Department Circular 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 Biotechnology Office is hereby created with the following functions:

1. Supervise activities relevant to the implementation of the DOST-DA-DENR-DOH-DILG JDC No.1, Series of 2016;
2. Facilitate the processing of GM crop applications and issuance of Biosafety Permit for field trial, commercial propagation, and direct use for food and feed, or for processing;
3. Coordination with other relevant government agencies in the conduct of safety assessment for GM crop application;
4. Ensure compliance of the permit holder to biosafety conditions through monitoring of activities relevant to the application; and
5. Resolve issues pertaining to biotechnology matters within the purview of the BPI

The BPI Biotechnology Office will be composed of the Office Head and its Secretariat.

This Memorandum Order revokes relevant issuances of this nature.


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