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MEMORANDUM

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RAMGO INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION
SYNGENTA PHILIPPINES, INC.
VIGOUR SEEDS DEV., INC.**

From: **THE DIRECTOR**
Bureau of Plant Industry

Date: **June 13, 2014**

Subject: **MANDATE OF THE BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY ON THE
COMMERCIALIZATION OF GM CORN**

As the custodian of seed development within the Department of Agriculture, the Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI) wishes to inform you that among other responsibilities, we are mandated to regulate seeds derived from the use of modern biotechnology under DA AO No. 8 Series of 2002, "Rules and Regulations on the Importation and Release into the Environment of Plant and Plant Products Derived From the Use of Modern Biotechnology".

All genetically modified (GM) seeds should go through the process of the regulation and should be approved by BPI for commercialization before it can be sold for propagation. Therefore, all technology developers and seed companies doing business with GM seeds should apply for a biosafety permit from the BPI.



The biosafety permit states the conditions for commercialization of GM corn. These conditions to be complied by the developers are implementation of Insect Resistance Management (IRM) and Weed Resistance Monitoring (WRM) for Bt corn and glyphosate tolerant corn, respectively.

In adherence to the requirements under DA AO No. 8 Series of 2002, the BPI is obliged to monitor compliance of the permittees with these regulations.

You are hereby directed to comply with these requirements.



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