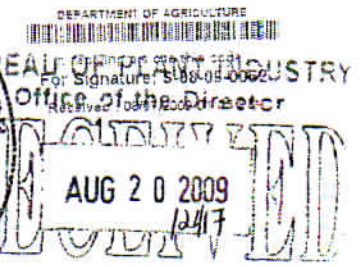
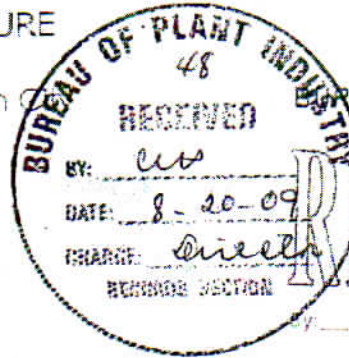


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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES ON THE SCHEDULE OF FEES PURSUANT TO SECTION 17, DA AO 8, SERIES OF 2002 AND RELATED GUIDELINES

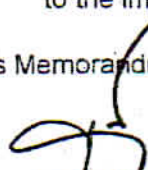
Pursuant to DA AO #8 otherwise known as "Rules and Regulations on the Importation and Release into the Environment of Plants and Plant Products Derived from Use of Modern Biotechnology", this Department hereby issues this circular.

Pursuant to Section 17 of DA AO 8, the Director of Bureau of Plant Industry may impose fees in such amount as maybe necessary to cover the cost of evaluating applications, with the approval of the Secretary of the Department.

Section 1. Use of funds from previous years onwards – The amount collected in accordance with the mutually agreed Risk Assessment Review Work and Financial Plan (RARWFP) between the BPI and the GM developer from previous years onwards and consistent with existing rules and regulations can be utilized for payment of services rendered by the Biotech Core Team, approving officers of the regulatory agencies, assessors and advisors. Incidental expenses incurred by the BPI Biotech Core team and cost of services rendered by the support staff involved in the implementation of AO 8 shall also be utilized for which these are appropriated as indicated in the work program.

Section 2. Authorization of collected funds from previous years onwards – Continuous payments against the previously collected funds as indicated in the work program and consistent with existing rules and regulations are authorized. In the administration of the previous funds onwards, the BPI Director shall ensure that expenses are appropriated for specific functions, activities and programs related to the implementation of AO 8 as indicated in the work program.

This Memorandum Circular takes effect immediately


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 Secretary