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SUBJECT: Recomposition of the Insect Resistance Management Advisory Team (IRMAT) for Implementation of an Insect Resistance Management (IRM) Strategy for Insect Resistant Crop Plants

In the interest of service and in line with the implementation of an Insect Resistance Management Strategy for Insect Resistant crop plants, an Insect Resistance Management Advisory Team to be composed of scientists and technical experts is hereby reconstituted, as follows:

1. Composition

Chairperson	:	Dr. Candida Adalla
Vice-Chairperson	:	Dr. Reynaldo Eborá
Members	:	Dr. Edwin Alcantara Dr. Bonifacio Cayabyab Dr. Barbara Caoili Dr. Flor Ceballo

2. Terms and Reference

The DA IRMAT shall serve as the scientific and technical advisory body on IRM matters to the DA and shall be tasked to provide technical advice to the DA and the Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI) as follows:

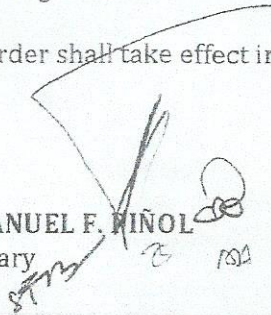
- a. Assist in the formulation of new policies and regulatory initiatives relevant to management of insect/arthropod pest resistant GM crops;
- b. Provide advice and direction to the BPI;
- c. Assist the BPI in reviewing the monitoring and periodic reports submitted by industry;
- d. Review proposals and results of technical studies related to IRM;
- e. Recommend new technical studies when necessary;
- f. Serve as resource persons for IRM seminars;
- g. Provide technical knowledge on any Information, Education Communication (IEC) materials and capacity building activities;
- h. Share information on new developments on IRM; and
- i. Attend meetings as called for by BPI Director with industry and various stakeholders to clarify pertinent issues on IRM.

3. Reporting Arrangements and Operational Requirements

The DA IRMAT shall report directly to the BPI Director. IRMAT shall be consulted by BPI on all issues and concerns regarding IRM.

Expenses incurred by the DA IRMAT in the performance of its functions shall be charged against the funds of the BPI and the Biotechnology Program, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This order shall take effect immediately.


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Secretary



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