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Special Order
No. 374
Series of 2003)

SUBJECT: **Additional List of Members of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) per DA Administrative Order No. 8, series of 2002, entitled "Rules and Regulations for the Importation and Release into the Environment of Plants and Plant Products Derived from the Use of Modern Biotechnology"**

In the interest of the service and in line with the implementation of DA Administrative Order No. 8 (series of 2002), the list of experts/ scientists, who have accepted membership to the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) shall form part of the DA pool of STRP members in addition to the DA list contained in Special Order No. 291 (series of 2003) and Special Order No. 384 (series of 2002).

A. For Molecular Biology, Biochemistry, Genetics and Plant Breeding

Name	Affiliation
1. Dr. Fe M. Dela Cueva	Institute of Plant Breeding, UP Los Baños
2. Dr. Virginia D. Monje	National Institute of Molecular Biology & Biotechnology, UP Diliman

B. For Human Health, Animal Health, and Nutrition

Name	Affiliation
3. Dr. Nieva Librojo-Basilio	Institute of Chemistry, UP Los Baños
4. Dr. Lydia C. Crisostomo	Adamson University Technology Research & Development Center
5. Dr. Oscar G. Gutierrez, Jr.	Bureau of Food & Drugs, DOH

This Order shall take effect immediately.

LUIS P. LORENZO, JR.
Secretary

Summary of Request:

The attached draft Special Order seeks to enlist five (5) additional experts to the DA pool of STRP members contained in Special Order No. 291 (series of 2003) and Special Order No. 384 (series of 2002) copy attached.

The STRP is an independent pool of experts created pursuant to the provisions of DA AO 8 (series of 2002) or the Rules and Regulations Governing GM Plants and Plant Products. The STRP is tasked to:

- provide scientific and technical advise to the Director of the Bureau of Plant Industry on risk assessment and management strategies for GM plants and plant products;
- assess/review proposals to field test, propagate, and import for direct use as food, feed, or processing plants and plant products derived from the use of modern biotechnology per DA AO 8.

The independent experts have distinguished professional background and expertise in biology, biochemistry, plant breeding, genetics, food science, animal health, human health, and nutrition which are necessary to evaluate the potential risks of GMOs to humans and animal health and the environment.