

Decision for the Safety Assessment of  
**SYNGENTA's Corn Bt11 x GA21**  
For Renewal for Direct Use as food and feed or for processing

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Syngenta Philippines, Inc submitted an application to renew corn Bt11 x GA21 for direct use as food and feed or for processing to the Bureau of Plant Industry on October 6, 2011. Syngenta Philippines, Inc has provided latest scientific studies in support of the safety claims to renew the biosafety permit for direct use as food and feed or for processing. A dossier of relevant scientific studies on corn Bt11 x GA21 were provided to the Scientific Technical Review Panel (STRP) who reviewed all the submissions to determine the safety of corn Bt11 x GA21 to human and animal health.

The scientific data and information relevant to the application of Syngenta Philippines, Inc were reviewed by the Scientific Technical Review Panel who concluded that corn Bt11 x GA21 and all progenies derived from crosses of the product with any conventionally-bred corn, and corn containing approved-biotech events for direct use as food and feed or for processing is as safe and substantially equivalent to its unmodified counterpart.

Syngenta Philippines Inc. has published the Public Information Sheet (PIS) in two newspapers: Manila Times and Manila Standards on December 7, 2011 pursuant to Memorandum Circular No. 6, Series of 2007. The Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI) has not received any comments during the comment period for the renewal of corn Bt11 x GA21 for direct use as food and feed or for processing.

Syngenta Philippines Inc. has satisfactorily complied with all requirements for the renewal of corn Bt11 x GA21 for direct use as food and feed or for processing. The BPI Biotechnology Core Team reviewed the results of the assessment of the STRP. The results of the final review concluded the safety of corn Bt11 x GA21, which was therefore recommended for its renewal for direct use as food and feed or for processing.

A biosafety notification renewal for corn Bt11 x GA21 and all progenies derived from crosses of the product with any conventionally-bred corn and corn containing approved-biotech events for direct use as food and feed or for processing was issued to Syngenta Philippines, Inc. on January 23, 2012. The biosafety notification indicated that no interactions were found between the stacked traits, hence the corn Bt11 x GA21 is as safe for human food, livestock feed and for processing as its conventional counterpart.

Corn Bt11 x GA21 will be included in the Approval Registry for direct use as food, feed or for processing and for propagation being prepared by the Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Plant industry.