

Decision for the Safety Assessment of
MONSANTO's Corn MON88017 x MON810
For renewal for direct use as food and feed or for processing

Monsanto Philippines, Inc submitted an application to renew corn MON88017 x MON810 for direct use as food and feed or for processing to the Bureau of Plant Industry on December 20, 2010. Monsanto Philippines, Inc has provided latest scientific studies in support of the safety claims to renew the biosafety notification for direct use as food and feed or for processing. A dossier of relevant scientific studies of corn MON88017 x MON810 were provided to the Scientific Technical Review Panel (STRP) who reviewed all the documents submissions to determine the safety of the regulated article on human and animal health.

The scientific data and information relevant to the application of Monsanto Philippines, Inc were reviewed by the Scientific Technical Review Panel who concluded that corn MON88017 x MON810 and all progenies from crosses of this for direct use as food and feed or for processing are as safe and substantially equivalent to its unmodified counterpart. Monsanto Philippines Inc. has published the Public Information Sheet (PIS) in two newspapers: Malaya and the Daily Tribune on June 14, 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 MON88017 x MON810 for direct use as food and feed or for processing.

Monsanto Philippines Inc. has satisfactorily complied with all requirements for the renewal of a previous biosafety notification. 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 MON88017 x MON810. It was therefore recommended for the renewal of its Biosafety notification for direct use as food and feed or for processing.

A biosafety notification renewal for corn MON88017 x MON810 and all progenies from crosses of this product for direct use as food and feed or for processing was issued to Monsanto Philippines, Inc. on July 1, 2011. The biosafety notification indicated that no interactions were found between the stacked traits, hence the corn MON88017 x MON810 is as safe for human food, livestock feed and for processing as its conventional corn and can substitute for its traditional counterpart for direct use as food and feed or for processing.

Corn MON88017 x MON810 will be included in the Approval Registry for direct use as food and feed or for processing being prepared by the Department of Agriculture.