

Decision for the Safety Assessment of
PIONEER and DOW AGROSCIENCES' Corn TC1507 x NK603
For renewal for direct use as food and feed or for processing

Pioneer Hi-Bred Philippines, Inc and Dow AgroSciences submitted an application to renew corn TC1507 x NK603 for direct use as food and feed or for processing to the Bureau of Plant Industry on November 19, 2011. Pioneer Hi-Bred 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 on corn TC1507 x NK603 were provided to the Scientific Technical Review Panel (STRP) who reviewed all the submissions to determine the safety of corn TC1507 x NK603 to human and animal health.

The scientific data and information relevant to the application of Pioneer Hi-Bred Philippines, Inc. and Dow AgroSciences were reviewed by the Scientific Technical Review Panel who concluded that corn TC1507 x NK603 and all progenies from crosses of this product for direct use as food and feed or for processing are as safe and substantially equivalent to its unmodified counterpart.

Pioneer Hi-Bred Philippines Inc. has published the Public Information Sheet (PIS) in two newspapers: The Daily Tribune and Malaya Business Insights on January 26, 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 TC1507 x NK603 for direct use as food and feed or for processing.

Pioneer Hi Bred Philippines Inc. has satisfactorily complied with all requirements for the renewal of corn TC1507 x NK603 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 TC1507 x NK603, which was therefore recommended for its renewal for direct use as food and feed or for processing.

A biosafety notification renewal for corn TC1507 x NK603 and all progenies from crosses of this product for direct use as food and feed or for processing was issued to Pioneer Hi-Bred Philippines, Inc. and Dow AgroSciences on February 17, 2012. The biosafety notification indicated that no interactions were found between the stacked traits, hence the corn TC1507 x NK603 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 TC1507 x NK603 will be included in the Approval Registry for direct use as food, feed or for processing being prepared by the Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Plant industry.