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MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 135

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Subject: RECOMPOSITION OF THE BPI BIOTECH CORE TEAM (BCT)

In the interest of the service and for the smooth implementation of DOST-DA-DENR-DOH-DILG Joint Department Circular (JDC) No. 1, Series of 2016 entitled "Rules and Regulations for the Research and Development, Handling and Use, Transboundary Movement, Release into the Environment, and Management of Genetically-Modified Plant and Plant Products Derived from the Use of Modern Biotechnology", the BPI BCT is hereby created to assist the BPI Director in the implementation of the biotech activities related to the aforementioned JDC.

The BPI BCT shall be composed of the following:

Chairman:	Ariel Bayot	Assistant Director for Regulatory Services
Vice Chair:	Peter Magdaraog, PhD.	Supervising Agriculturist
Members:	Jonar Yago, PhD.	Assistant Director for Operations and Technical and Production Services
	Joselito Antioquia	OIC-Chief
	Joan May Tolentino	Supervising Agriculturist
	Amor Dimayacyac	Supervising Agriculturist
	Ferlavee Apacionado	Supervising Agriculturist
	Lilian Teaño	Supervising Agriculturist
	Lilia Portales, PhD.	Supervising Agriculturist
	Joel Adorada, PhD.	Senior Agriculturist
	Elvira Morales	Senior Agriculturist
	Sheeb Kaiserin Quiaonza	Senior Agriculturist
	Darwin Landicho	Senior Agriculturist
	Julio Salvador C. Valeza	Chemist II
	Christian Allen Taleon	Agriculturist II
	Aldwin Mendoza	Agriculturist II
	Cyd Clarisse Palado	Agriculturist II
	Diana Tabudlong	Agriculturist II
	Zyrine Lorizo	Agriculturist I
	Russ-Uzi Mayenne Eborá	Agriculturist I
	Viola Katherine Gamboa	Agricultural Technician II
	Nina Kate Jingco	Biologist II

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BPI BCT Secretariat shall be composed of the following:

Head:	Sheeb Kaiserin Quiaonza	Senior Agriculturist
Members:	Sherilynne Leoncio	Agricultural Technician II
	Zyrine Lorizo	Agriculturist I
	Viola Katherine Gamboa	Agricultural Technician II
	Tracey Mae Cea	Science Research Technician II
	Nicolas Palacpac	Agricultural Technician II

Duties and Responsibilities of BPI BCT

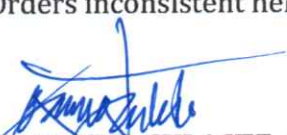
1. Supervise activities relevant to the implementation of the DOST-DA-DENR-DOH-DILG JDC No.1, Series of 2016;
2. Review public consultation documents submitted by applicant;
3. Document and evaluate reports and proposals relevant to biotechnology;
4. Review conditions in the Biosafety Permit of approved GM application;
5. Coordinate network activities with other government and private agencies on biotech regulation;
6. Resolve issues pertaining to biotechnology matters within the purview of the BPI;
7. Coordinate with the Post Approval Monitoring Group (PAMG) regarding Insect and Weed Resistance Management activities;
8. Act as an adviser to the BPI Director in making decisions related to biotechnology; and
9. Perform other functions related to DOST-DA-DENR-DOH-DILG JDC No.1, Series of 2016.

Duties and Responsibilities of BCT Secretariat

1. Process GM applications and conduct evaluation for its completeness and sufficiency
2. Facilitate the farming-out of documents to agencies, STRP members, and other relevant institutions;
3. Prepare and consolidate risk assessment reports of genetically modified (GM) crops submitted by concerned agencies and Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) members
4. Document reports and proposals relevant to biotechnology
5. Prepare office memoranda and letters pertaining to biotechnology
6. Provide support in the conduct of seminars, workshops, trainings and other Biotech activities;
7. Formulate and maintain a library system in the implementation of the JDC No.1, S2016; and
8. Perform other relevant functions assigned by the Chair and Vice-Chair

Expenses incurred by the BPI Director (Approving officer), the BPI BCT and its Secretariat in the performance of their respective duties and functions shall be charged to the Biotechnology trust fund derived from the fees collected as Risk Assessment Review Cost (RARC) based on MC No.9, Series of 2003 subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This order shall take effect immediately upon signing and supersedes all other Memorandum Orders inconsistent herewith.


GEORGE Y. CULASTE, PhD.
Director
Bureau of Plant Industry

June 30, 2021