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## MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL IMPORTERS

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

DATE: August \_\_\_, 2021

## SUBJECT: UPDATING THE LIST OF COMMODITIES FOR IMPORTATION REQUIRING GM DECLARATION

Pursuant to the DOST-DA-DENR-DOH-DILG Joint Department Circular No. 1 Series of 2016 *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. DA Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 8 series of 2003 Guidelines for the Phytosanitary Inspection of Regulated Articles for Food, Feed and Processing, DA MC No. 11 s 2003 Additional Signatories to the Declaration of GMO Content, and DA MC No. 12 series of 2012 Annexes I, II, III Pursuant to Memorandum Circular No. 8 s2003, all importers are required to declare GMO content of selected commodities.

In this regard, we are issuing this Memorandum to update the list of commodities for importation requiring a declaration of GMO Content.

Attached is the updated list for your information and reference.

This Memorandum shall take effect fifteen (15) days after signing.

For your compliance.



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