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**ANNEXES I, II and III PURSUANT TO MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 8
s. 2003 and DA AO NO. 8, s. 2002**

Pursuant to DA Administrative Order No. 8, s.2002 "Rules and Regulations on the Importation and Release Into The Environment of Plants and Plant Products Derived From The Use of Modern Biotechnology" and DA Memorandum Circular No. 8,s.2003 "Guidelines for the Phytosanitary Inspection of Regulated Articles for Food, Feed and Processing", I am authorizing the release of the following Annexes:

**ANNEX I: APPROVAL REGISTRY FOR THE IMPORTATION OF
REGULATED ARTICLES FOR DIRECT USE FOR FOOD, FEED OR
PROCESSING**

Annex I is the initial list of approved GM plant products in the country, and which shall form part of the "Approval Registry for Direct Use For Food, Feed or Processing" (the Annex I List). It is based on the technical recommendations of the DA regulatory agencies led by the Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI) and the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP).

All plant products in the Annex I List have undergone the approval process required by AO 8, including a satisfactory risk assessment conducted by DA regulatory agencies and the STRP. The plant products in the Annex I List will be allowed entry if accompanied by the usual BPI/BAI import permit and/or phytosanitary permit. Pursuant to Section 12 H of AO 8, a notification shall be submitted to the BPI within 15 days from arrival of the shipment. Pursuant to Section II of MC 8, a Declaration of GMO content will be submitted to the Bureau of Plant Industry, upon arrival of the shipment.

ANNEX II. APPROVAL REGISTRY OF REGULATED ARTICLES FOR PROPAGATION, FOR WHICH ITS PLANT PRODUCTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR DIRECT USE AS FOOD, FEED, AND/OR PROCESSING

Annex II is the list of plants which have been approved for local propagation in accordance with AO 8 and have undergone the phase-by-phase, step-by-step risk assessment: from contained use under the supervision of the National Committee on Biosafety of the Philippines (NCBP); to field tests under the supervision of NCBP or DA, as the case may be; and propagation under the DA.

These plant products have undergone satisfactory food, feed and environmental safety assessment mandated under AO 8 when they were evaluated for propagation.

Plant products listed in the Annex II List shall be entered by the Bureau of Plant Industry into ANNEX I List as they are likewise approved for direct use as food, feed, and/or processing.

ANNEX III. LIST OF REGULATED ARTICLES FOR IMPORTATION FOR DIRECT USE REQUIRING A DECLARATION OF GMO CONTENT

The Bureau of Plant Industry shall also maintain a list of regulated articles for direct use consisting of all commercialized GM plant products (the "Annex III List").

All plant products in Annex III List are those that : (1) have a genetically engineered counterpart, which has been commercialized or released into the market); (2) are in primary/natural state or semi-processed form; and (3) require an import permit and/or phytosanitary certificate.

All plant products the Annex III List shall be required to be accompanied by a Declaration of GMO Content which shall be submitted to the Plant Quarantine Service of the Bureau of Plant Industry, upon the arrival of such shipment. Those with a Declaration of non-GMO content will be allowed entry. For those with a positive GMO declaration, they must also be in Annex I List before they are allowed entry.

All the above-mentioned registries (i.e., Annex I List, Annex II List and Annex III List) shall be updated, as necessary, by the Bureau of Plant Industry.


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"ANNEX I"

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**APPROVAL REGISTRY FOR THE IMPORTATION OF REGULATED ARTICLES
 FOR DIRECT USE FOR FOOD, FEED, OR PROCESSING
 (As of December 22, 2003)**

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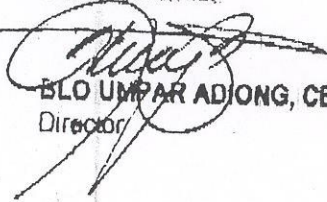
Transformation Event	Introduced Trait and Gene	Date Approved	Safety Assessment		Technology Developer	Other Countries with Similar Approval
			Food	Feed		
Corn MON 810*	Resistance to corn borer Cry 1A(b) gene from <i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i>	Dec. 4, 2002	✓	✓	Monsanto Company	Argentina, Canada, Japan, South Africa, Switzerland, USA
Corn Bt 11	Insect protected, herbicide tolerant maize - Bt protein from <i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> and PAT protein from <i>Streptomyces viridochromogenes</i>	July 22, 2003	✓	✓	Syngenta Seeds	Argentina, Australia, Canada, EU, Japan, Switzerland, United Kingdom, USA
Soybean 40-3-2	Resistance to herbicide, round-up - CP4 EPSPS from <i>Agrobacterium sp. strain CP4</i>	July 22, 2003	✓	✓	Monsanto Company	USA, UK, European Union, Netherlands, Canada, Mexico, Argentina, Japan, Denmark, Switzerland, Romania, Russia, Korea, Thailand, Taiwan, Czech Republic, Poland and Australia/New Zealand (food) USA, UK, European Union, Netherlands, Canada, Japan, Switzerland and Russia (Feed)
Corn NK 603	Glyphosate tolerance imparted by the CP4EPSPS coding sequence	Sept. 10, 2003	✓	✓	Monsanto Company	Canada, Japan, South Africa, USA, Taiwan, Russia, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand and Korea (for food/feed)
Corn MON 863	Cry3Bb1 for Resistance to the Corn rootworm, <i>Diabrotica sp.</i>	Oct. 7, 2003	✓	✓	Monsanto Company	Canada, Japan and USA (food/feed)
Corn TC 1507/CRY1F	Resistance to certain lepidopterous pests in maize - Cry1F and PAT genes	Oct. 7, 2003	✓	✓	Pioneer Hi-Bred	USA, Japan, Canada, South Korea and South Africa (for food); USA, Japan, Canada, and South Africa (for feed)
Corn DBT 418	Lepidopteran resistance, phosphinotricin tolerance - Cry1Ac	Oct. 22, 2003	✓	✓	Monsanto Company	USA, Canada, New Zealand, Australia and other members of European Union (food/feed)
Canola RT 73	Glyphosate (Roundup) Tolerance - CP4EPSPS	Oct. 22, 2003	✓	✓	Monsanto Company	USA, UK, European Union, Canada, Mexico, Japan and Australia/New Zealand (food); USA, Canada, European Union, Japan and Mexico (feed)

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Corn Bt 176	Insect protected - Bt protein from <i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> and PAT protein from <i>Streptomyces viridochromogenes</i>	Oct 24, 2003	✓	✓	Syngenta Seeds	USA, Canada, Japan, Switzerland, South Africa, EU, UK, Denmark, the Netherlands, Australia, New Zealand, (food); USA, Japan, Switzerland, South Africa, EU (feed)
Corn GA 21	Modified EPSPS for tolerance to glyphosate	Nov. 20, 2003	✓	✓	Monsanto Company	Canada, Japan, USA, Australia, Korea (food/feed);
Corn DLI25	Phosphinotricin (PPT) herbicide tolerance specifically glufosinate ammonium	Nov. 20, 2003	✓	✓	Monsanto Company	USA, Argentina, Canada and China
Corn T25	Phosphinotricin (PPT) herbicide tolerance specifically glufosinate	Dec. 5, 2003	✓	✓	Bayer CropScience	USA, Canada, Argentina, Japan, Taiwan, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, the E.U., Bulgaria and Russia (food); USA, Canada, Argentina, Japan, South Africa, the EU, Bulgaria, UK, Switzerland (feed)
Cotton 1445	Tolerance to roundup herbicide	Dec. 5, 2003	✓	✓	Monsanto company	USA, Argentina, Mexico, Australia and South Africa (food and feed)
Cotton 15985	Resistance to lepidopterous pests	Dec. 5, 2003	✓	✓	Monsanto company	USA and Australia (food and feed)
Potato Bt 6 (RBBT02-06) and SPBT02-05)	Resistance to Colorado potato beetle	Dec. 5, 2003	✓	✓	Monsanto company	USA, Japan and Canada (food/feed)
Potato RBMT 15-101, SEMT 15-02 & SEMT 15-15	Resistance to Colorado potato beetle; resistance to potato virus Y (PVY)	Dec. 22, 2003	✓	✓	Monsanto Company	Japan, Australia, and Canada

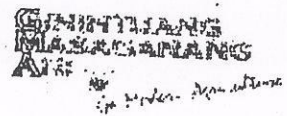
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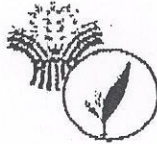
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"ANNEX II"

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			Food	Feed	Environment		
Corn MON 810	Resistance to corn borer Cry 1A(b) gene from <i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i>	December 4, 2002	✓	✓	✓	Monsanto Company	Argentina, Canada, EU, Japan, South Africa, USA

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"Annex III"

List of Regulated Articles for Importation for Direct Use Requiring a Declaration of GMO Content

HEADING NO.	H.S. CODE	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
Chapter 6		Live trees and other plants; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage
06.01		Bulbs, tubers, tuberous roots, corms, crowns, and rhizomas, dormant, in growth or in flower; chicory plants and roots other than roots of heading No. 12.12
	0601.10 00	-- Potato tubers only
	0601.20 00	-- Chicory plants and roots
06.03	0603.10 00	-- Fresh cut carnation and flower buds
Chapter 7		Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers
07.01		Potatoes, fresh or chilled.
	0701.10 00	-- Seed
	0701.90	-- Other
07.02	0702.00 00	Tomatoes, fresh or chilled.
07.05		Chicory, fresh or chilled.
	0705.21 00	- Chicory -- Witloof chicory (<i>Cichorium intybus</i> var. <i>foliosum</i>)
07.06		Salad beetroot, fresh or chilled.
	0706.90 00	- Other (salad beetroot)
07.09		Other vegetables, fresh or chilled.
	0709.90.10	--- Maize (sweet corn)
	0709.90 90	--- Other (ONLY FOR BELL PEPPERS AND SQUASH)
07.10		Vegetables (uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water), frozen
	0710.10 00	- Potatoes
	0710.40 00	- Sweet Corn
	0710.90 00	- Mixtures of vegetables
07.14		Sweet potatoes and tubers with high starch or inulin content, fresh, chilled frozen or dried, whether or not sliced in the form of pellets; sago pith
	0714.20 00	- Sweet Potatoes
Chapter 8		Edible fruit and nuts, peel of citrus fruit or melons

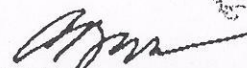
08.07		Melons including watermelons and papaws (papayas), fresh.
	0807.11 00	-- Melons (including Watermelons)
	0807.19 00	-- Other
	0807.20 00	- Papaws (papayas)
Chapter 10	Cereals	
10.05		Maize (Corn)
	1005.10 00	- Seed
	1005.90	- Other
	1005.90 10	--- Popcorn
	1005.90 90	--- Other
Chapter 11	Products of the milling industry; malt; starches; inulin; wheat gluten	
11.02		Cereal flours other than of wheat and meslin.
	1102.20 00	Maize (Corn) flour
11.03		- Groats and meal:
	1103.13 00	-- Of maize (corn)
11.04		- Other worked grains (for example, hulled, pearled, sliced or kibbled):
	1104.23 00	-- Of maize (corn)
11.05		Flour, meal, powder, flakes, granules and pellets of potatoes
	1105.10 00	- Flour, meal and powder
	1105.20 00	- Flakes, granules and pellets
11.06		Flour, meal and powder of the dried leguminous vegetables
	1106.20 00	- Of sago or roots or tubers of heading No. 07.14
	1106.30 00	- Of the products of Chapter 8
11.08		- Starches
	1108.12 00	-- Maize (corn) starch
	1108.13 00	-- Potato starch
Chapter 12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit; industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	
12.01	1201.00 00	Soya beans, whether or not broken.
12.04	1204.00 00	Linseed, whether or not broken.
12.05	1205.00 00	Rape or colza seeds, whether or not broken.
12.07		Other oil seeds and oleaginous fruits, whether or not broken
	1207.20 00	Cotton seeds
12.08		Flours and meals of oil seed or oleaginous fruits, other than those of mustard.
	1208.10 00	- Of soya beans
12.09		Seeds, fruits and spores, of a kind used for sowing.
	1209.11 00	- Beet seed
		-- Sugar beet seed

12.09		Seeds, fruits and spores, of a kind used for sowing.
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	1209.11 00	- Sugar beet seed
	1209.91 00	-- Vegetables seeds (ONLY FOR SQUASH AND TOMATO)
	1209.99 00	-- Other (ONLY FOR TOBACCO SEEDS)
12.12	1212.91 00	-- Sugar beet, fresh, chilled, frozen, whether or not ground
Chapter 23		Residues and wastes from the food industries; prepared animal fodder
23.02		Bran, sharps and other residues, whether or not in the form of pellets, derived from the sifting, milling or other working of cereals or of leguminous plants.
	2302.10 00	- Of maize (corn)
23.03		Residues of starch manufacture and similar residues, beet pulp, bagasse and other waste of sugar manufacture, brewing or distilling dregs and waste, whether or not in the form of pellets
	2303.10 00	- Residues of starch manufacture and similar residues
	2303.20 00	- Beet-pulp, bagasse and other waste of sugar manufacture
23.04	2304.00 00	Oil cake and other solid residues, whether or not ground or in the form of pellets, resulting from the extraction of soya bean oil.
23.06		Oil cake and other solid residues, whether or not ground or in the form of pellets, resulting from the extraction of vegetable fats or oils, other than those of heading No. 23.04 or 23.05
	2306.10 00	- Of cotton seeds
	2306.20 00	- Of linseed
	2306.40 00	- Of rape or colza seeds
	2306.70 00	- Of maize (corn) germ

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