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Dear Dr. Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias,

Subject: Submission of information in decision on Contained Use (Article 6)

In reference to the letter dated 30 March 2016 of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity regarding submission of information in decision on contained use (Article 6), Biodiversity Conservation Agency (BCA) under Vietnam Environment Administration would like to provide some detailed information about our regulations on the contained use of living modified organisms (LMOs) as following:

1. Decree No. 69/2010/ND-CP dated June 21, 2010 of the Government on Biosafety Management of LMOs, Genetic Specimens and Products Derived from LMOs:

- Article 10. Requirements of scientific research and technological development of LMOs; products of LMOs: (i) Scientific research and technological development activities relating to LMOs, products of LMOs shall have to comply with current regulations on science and technology management and other relevant legal regulations; (ii) Scientific research, technological development activities on LMOs, products of LMOs shall be only allowed in suitable laboratories on LMOs that are recognised by Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) as stipulated.

- Point 2, Article 42. Storage, packaging, and transportation of LMOs which has not been granted with Biosafety Certificate, Certificate of LMOs satisfying conditions to be used as food and feed, and products of that LMOs shall have to apply measures to ensure environmental safety and no incident release during transportation and must provide information requested of this Decree. In case incident occurrence, organization, individual who is in charge of storage, packaging, and transportation shall be responsible for gathering and destroying by appropriated measures; mark the location where incident occurred and inform the Ministry of Natural Resource and Environment, Peoples' Committee of the province where the incident occurred, and the relevant ministries to ding out remedies.

2. Circular No. 21/2012/TT-BKHCN dated November 20, 2012 of the Ministry of Science and Technology regulating the Research and Development of LMOs in Vietnam. The Circular applies to individuals and organizations conducting research and development of LMOs and genetic specimen activities within Vietnam territory.



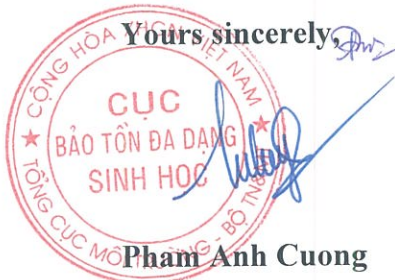
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- Article 4, Chapter I of Circular No. 21/2012/TT-BKHHCN regulates the principles of biosafety management for research on LMOs and requires that all LMOs research must be in compliance with Item 19, Article 20 of the Science and Technology Law; Article 87 of the Environment Protection Law; Article 7 of Bio-Diversity Law; and Article 44, 50 of the Food Safety Law. Research on LMOs must be implemented within the framework of science and technology development (project or research topics) approved by relevant competent authorities. All researches on LMOs must be carried out in MOST certified laboratories, in accordance with Circular No. 20/2012/TT-BKHHCN.

- In addition, Circular No. 21/2012/TT-BKHHCN also regulates the classification of biosafety basing on the risk levels of LMOs and their products (04 levels); risk assessment and management in research of LMOs; regulations on biosafety in R&D of LMOs in the laboratory, in detection of LMOs; regulations on biosafety for laboratory staffs; the regulations in case of accident in laboratory; and other regulations on responsibilities and violation settlement.

On behalf of the BCA, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to you for your continued support and look forward to having further cooperation in the future.

Yours sincerely,



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