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## NOTIFICATION

### *Addendum*

The following communication, received on 16 December 2021, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the Philippines.

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DA Memorandum Circular No. 12, series of 2003, Annex I, II, and III, Pursuant to DA Memorandum Circular No. 8, series of 2003, Guidelines for the Phytosanitary Inspection of Regulated Articles for Food, Feed, and Processing, and DA Administrative Order No. 8, series of 2002, Rules and Regulations on the Importation and Release into the Environment of Plants and Plant Products Derived from the Use of Modern Biotechnology

Department of Agriculture Bureau of Plant Industry Memorandum Updating the List of Commodities for Importation Requiring GM Declaration (1 December 2021)

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 s 2003, all importers are required to declare GMO content of select commodities.

The said declaration should specify transformation events that are present in the shipment and may be issued by the responsible officer from the country of origin, accredited laboratories, shipper or importer.

In this regard, the Memorandum is issued to update the list of commodities for importation requiring a declaration of GMO Content. The same enters into force on 28 December 2021.

[https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/PHL/21\\_7864\\_00\\_e.pdf](https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/PHL/21_7864_00_e.pdf)

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