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**PAMBANSANG PANGASIWAAN NG PATUBIG**  
(National Irrigation Administration)  
Lungsod ng Quezon

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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

TO : THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATORS,  
DEPARTMENT/ REGIONAL / OPERATIONS / PROJECT  
MANAGERS, PROVINCIAL IRRIGATION OFFICERS, IRRIGATION  
SUPERINTENDENTS AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED.

SUBJECT : "BANNING THE ENTRY OF LIVING GENETICALLY-MODIFIED  
ORGANISMS (GMO) WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE PROVINCE  
OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL".

Enclosed is a copy of the letter dated August 17, 2007 of Governor Joseph G. Maraon of  
Negros Occidental requesting DA support in the implementation of Provincial Ordinance No.  
07, s. 2007 and Executive Order No.07-007,s. 2007, banning the entry of living Genetically-  
Modified Organisms (GMO) within the territory of the province.

For your information and guidance.

  
MARCELINO V. TUGAOEN JR.  
Administrator

October 5, 2007



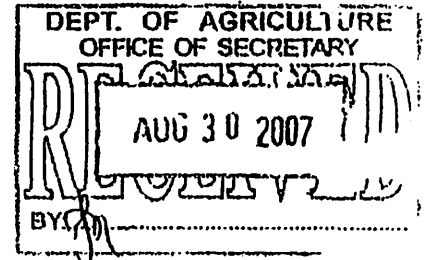
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17 August 2007

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
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Regional Executive Director, DA  
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Re : Provincial Ordinance No. 07, Series of 2007  
Executive Order No. 07-007, Series of 2007  
Ban on Entry of GMOs

Gentlemen:

Further to my letter dated 03 July 2007, we write to advise you that the above captioned Ordinance has become effective as of 19 July 2007. Henceforth, the Province shall strictly implement the provisions of the Ordinance, in its quest to become the Organic Food Bowl of Asia. No entry of living genetically-modified organisms ("GMO") shall be allowed within the territory of the Province.

All persons bringing in cargo of living plants, including seeds, and animals to Negros Occidental are required to declare that such is not a living GMO. Such declaration shall be made in the required form of the Province before its GMO inspectors at the port of entry. For persons bringing in bulk cargo, such declaration shall be accompanied by a certification from the supplier/dealer that the commodity is GMO-free. Any violation of the Ordinance carries with it the criminal penalties of a fine and/or imprisonment, with seizure and destruction of the goods, plus additional penalty of restitution of damage, if any.

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**In this regard, to avoid the possibility of any such cargo being barred entry in the Province, and in order to facilitate the smooth implementation of the Ordinance, may we thus request your valuable assistance, to the extent of your powers and jurisdiction, in ensuring and monitoring that shipping, courier, and carrier companies require the foregoing documents from their clientele from the point of shipment/port of origin. We have strongly recommend to such companies not to accept any such cargo from their clientele for shipment or for carriage to Negros without the certification from the supplier/dealer that the same is GMO-free. For your information and reference, we also attach herewith a sample copy of the Declaration Form.**

Should you have any question on any of the foregoing, please feel free to call and coordinate with Ms. Armi Benedicto at telephone number (034) 4339853 of the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist.

We highly appreciate your valuable support in the realization of the Province's vision to make the Negros Island an organic food island for the economic upliftment of the Negrenses, among others.

Very truly yours,

**JOSEPH G. MARAÑON**  
Governor

ANNEX "A"

**REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES**  
**PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL/ORIENTAL NEGROS**

**DECLARATION FORM**  
(Pursuant to the Safeguard Against LMO Ordinance)

**A. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number/Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nature of Organization: (registered corporation/partnership/sole proprietorship, etc)  
Head of Organization/Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Representative/Agent: \_\_\_\_\_  
Designation of Representative/Agent: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Description of Organism: \_\_\_\_\_  
Quality and Quantify of Organism: \_\_\_\_\_  
Intended Destination for Organism: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. DECLARATION PROPER**

For our own and on behalf of the organization, we hereby declare that the organism, plant or animal that we are introducing or bringing into the territories of the Province, through the port of \_\_\_\_\_, located in \_\_\_\_\_ is not and does not contain a living modified organism as defined under the Safeguard against LMO Ordinance of the Province.

We make the foregoing declaration under pain of criminal and civil liability.

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DIRECT REPRESENTATIVE OF ORGANIZATION

**C. RECOGNITION OF INSPECTOR'S POWERS**

For avoidance of doubt, we hereby declare that we recognize the powers granted to the inspectors of the Province under the Safeguard against LMO Ordinance.

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