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Announcement on Extension of Biotech Regulatory Scope

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Report Highlights:

Taiwan's Department of Health (DOH) announced on October 21 a prior notice on the extension of Taiwan's biotech regulatory scope to cover all other bioengineered crops in addition to genetically modified corn and soybeans that already have requirements for pre-market approval registration.

General Information:

On October 21, 2009, Taiwan's Department of Health (DOH) announced its intention to expand its regulatory scope to cover all other bioengineered (GM) crops in addition to the GM corn and soybeans

that are already required to have pre-market approval registration.

The announcement only serves as a prior notice to the public of new regulatory movement. Since this is a prior notice to the public the announcement does not contain an implantation date. Comment period ends within 30days from October 22. The notice is issued under the Administrative Act (Article 154) in accordance with Item 1 of Article 14 of the Law Governing Food Sanitation.

Unofficial translation of October 21 DOH announcement is as follows:

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Official Announcement of the Department of Health (DOH)

Date: October 21, 2009

Ref. No.: DOH Food Safety Bureau 0980461800

Major Point: Prior Notice on “To add GM rice, GM papaya and any other non-specified GM products to the list of products that is required to apply to Department of Health for pre-market registration approval”

Accordance: Article 154 of the Administrative Act

Announcement Items:

1. Competent Authority: Department of Health
2. Accordance: Item 1 of Article 14 of the Law Governing Food Sanitation.
3. The announcement is also published on the websites: <http://www.doh.gov.tw> and <http://food.doh.gov.tw>.
4. Comment period ends within 30 days from October 22, the 2nd day of the announcement date.
Contact information for DOH: Address: No.36 Tacheng St. Taipei; Phone: (02) 8590-7078; Fax: (02) 2523-0056; email: fssarah@doh.gov.tw

End Unofficial Translation.