

**[DA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2, S. 2008,
October 27, 2008]**

**ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES ON THE SCHEDULE OF FEES
PURSUANT TO SECTION 17, DA AO NO. 8, SERIES OF 2002 AND
RELATED GUIDELINES**

Pursuant to DA Memorandum Circular No. 02, series of 2007 and DA Memorandum Circular 06, s. 2007 relating to the renewal of permits of regulated articles for propagation and direct use as food and feed or processing, respectively, this Department hereby issues the schedule of fees relating to the application for renewal permits of DA AO 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"*. Likewise, Section 2 (b) of this Memorandum Circular which identifies the services and items allowed for funding from the proceeds of Risk Assessment Review Cost (RARC), shall likewise apply to the utilization of funds for RARC under Memorandum Circular No. 9, series of 2003 *"Schedule of Fees Pursuant to Section 17, DA AO No. 8, series of 2002 and Related Guidelines"*, dated 21 May 2003.

Pursuant to Section 17 of DA AO No. 8, the Director of Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI) may impose fees in such amount as maybe necessary to cover the costs of evaluating applications for permits under DA AO No. 8, with the approval of the Secretary of the Department.

SECTION 1. Payment of Filing Fee for Renewal Applications - Upon submission of completed application forms, the applicant shall pay a non-refundable fee in the amount of One Thousand Pesos (PhP1000.00).

SECTION 2. Additional Costs Related to Risk Assessment Review

a. Mechanics of Renewal Applications

Upon the satisfactory procedural review of the application for renewal of permit, the BPI shall meet the applicant to agree on the scope of work and the RARC. A Risk Assessment Review Work and Financial Plan shall be mutually formulated to include the timetable and the corresponding budget and logistical requirements to attain the projected completion date. The agreements shall be expressly indicated in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the BPI and the applicant.

The applicant shall remit the RARC to the BPI upon the execution of the MOA. The BPI shall issue an official receipt to acknowledge the payment of the RARC. The BPI shall disburse the amount in accordance with the mutually agreed Risk