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Report Highlights:

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The approved TEs cover corn, soybeans, canola, potato and cotton. Listing on this official registry allows importers to bring in shipments of these commodities, which may contain any amount of these approved TEs. These 17 approved TEs cover most of the corn and soybeans currently shipped from the United States to the Philippines.

Specific details of the approved TEs are provided below.

APPROVAL REGISTRY FOR THE IMPORTATION OF REGULATED ARTICLES FOR DIRECT USE FOR FOOD, FEED, OR PROCESSING							
as of February 4, 2004							
Event	Introduced trait and gene	Date Approved	Safety Assessment			Developer	Other Countries with Similar Assessments
			Food	Feed	Propa- gation		
Corn MON 810	Resistance to corn borer Cry 1A (b) gene from <i>Bacillus Thuringiensis</i>	Dec. 4, 2002	x	x	x	Monsanto	FOOD, FEED, & PROPAGATION: Argentina, Canada, Japan, South Africa, Switzerland and USA.
Corn Bt 11	Insect protected, herbicide tolerant maize - Bt protein from <i>Bacillus Thuringiensis</i> and PAT protein from <i>Streptomyces viridochromogenes</i>	Jul. 22, 2003	x	x		Syngenta	FOOD & FEED: Argentina, Australia, Canada, EU, Japan, Switzerland, UK and USA.
Soybean 40-3-2	Resistance to herbicide, roundup - CP4 EPSSPS from <i>Agrobacterium</i> sp. Strain CP4	Jul. 22, 2003	x	x		Monsanto	FOOD: Argentina, Australia, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, EU, Japan, Rep. of Korea, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Romania, Russia, Switzerland, Thailand, Taiwan, UK. And USA. FEED: Canada, EU, Japan, Netherlands, Russia, Switzerland UK and USA.

Corn NK 603	Glyphosate tolerance imparted by the CP4EPSPS coding sequence	Sep. 10, 2003	x	x		Monsanto	FOOD & FEED: Australia, Canada, Japan, Rep. of Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Russia, South Africa, Taiwan and USA.
Corn MON 863	Cry3Bb1 for resistance to the Corn root worm, <i>Diabrotica</i> sp.	Oct. 7, 2003	x	x		Monsanto	FOOD & FEED: Canada, Japan and USA.
Corn TC 1507/ CRY 1F	Resistance to certain lepidopterous pests in maize - Cry1F and PAT genes	Oct. 7, 2003	x	x		Pioneer	FOOD: Canada, Japan, South Africa, Rep. of Korea and USA. FEED: Canada, Japan, Rep. of Korea, South Africa and USA.
Corn DBT 418	Lepidopteran resistance, phosphinotricin tolerance - Cry1Ac	Oct. 22, 2003	x	x		Monsanto	FOOD & FEED: Australia, Canada, EU, New Zealand and USA.
Canola RT 73	Glyphosate (Roundup) tolerance - CP4EPSPS	Oct. 22, 2003	x	x		Monsanto	FOOD: Australia, Canada, EU, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, UK and USA. FEED: Canada, EU, Japan, Mexico and USA.
Corn BT 176	Insect protected - Bt protein from <i>Bacillus Thuringiensis</i> and PAT protein from <i>Streptomyces viridochromegenes</i>	Oct. 24, 2003	x	x		Syngenta	FOOD: Australia, Canada, Denmark, EU, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, South Africa, Switzerland, UK and USA. FEED: EU, Japan, South Africa, Switzerland and USA.
Corn GA 21	Modified EPSPS for tolerance to glyphosate	Nov. 20, 2003	x	x		Monsanto	FOOD & FEED: Australia, Canada, Japan, Rep. of Korea and USA.
Corn DLL25	Phosphinonoin (PPT) herbicide tolerance specifically glutosinate ammonium	Nov. 20, 2003	x	x		Monsanto	FOOD & FEED: Argentina, Canada, China and USA.

Corn T25	Phosphinonoin (PPT) herbicide tolerance specifically glutosinate	Dec. 5, 2003	x	x		Bayer Crop Science	FOOD: Argentina, Australia, Bulgaria, Canada, EU, Japan, New Zealand, Russia, South Africa, Taiwan and USA. FEED: Argentina, Bulgaria, Canada, EU, Japan, South Africa, Switzerland, UK and USA.
Cotton 1445	Tolerance to rondup herbicide	Dec. 5, 2003	x	x		Monsanto	FOOD & FEED: Argentina, Australia, Mexico, South Africa and USA.
Cotton 15985	Resistance to lepidopterous pests	Dec. 5, 2003	x	x		Monsanto	FOOD & FEED: Australia and USA.
Potato BI6 (RBBT02-06) and SPBT02-05	Resistance to Colorado potato beetly	Dec. 5, 2003	x	x		Monsanto	FOOD & FEED: Canada, Japan and USA.
Potato RBMT 15-101, SEMT 15-02 and SEMT 15-15	Resistance to Colorado potato beetle; resistance to potato virus Y (PVY)	Dec. 22, 2003	x	x		Monsanto	FOOD & FEED: Australia, Canada and Japan.
Cotton 531	Resistance to lepidopterous pests Cry 1Ac	Feb., 5, 2004	x	x		Monsanto	FOOD: Argentina, Australia, Canada, China, Colombia, EU, India, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, South Africa and USA. FEED: Argentina, Australia, Canada, China, Colombia, India, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, South Africa and USA.