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CERTIFICATE OF NON-COVERAGE FROM JDC NO.1 S2021 BPI-PBI-CNC No. 23-001

This is to certify that the gene-edited banana plant (*Musa acuminata*) with reduced browning trait obtained through CRISPR/Cas9 and developed by TROPIC BIOSCIENCES with address at NORWICH RESEARCH PARK, INNOVATION CENTRE, NR4 7GJ is officially determined as **NON-GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISM** and does not fall under the coverage of the DOST-DA-DENR-DOH-DILG Joint Department Circular No.1 s2021 (JDC No.1 s2021) based on the scientific evidence(s) presented by the Product Developer.


This decision is based on the conducted Technical Consultation for Evaluation and Determination procedure described in DA Memorandum Circular No. 08 s2022 "Rules and Regulation to Evaluate and Determine when Products of Plant Breeding Innovations (PBIs) are Covered under the DOST-DA-DENR-DOH-DILG Joint Department Circular No.1 s2021."

This certificate does not exempt the product developer's compliance with other relevant regulations of the Department of Agriculture and other government agencies such as, but not limited to, those involving plant quarantine, pest risk analysis, varietal registration, plant variety protection and crop-specific standards and programs, where warranted.

This certification shall have no expiration and shall remain valid hereafter unless revoked through the process of appeal.

The product developer shall immediately notify the BPI in writing of any issues or new information that may affect this decision.

Issued on this 15th day of March year 2023 at the Bureau of Plant Industry, San Andres St., Malate, Manila.


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