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ENVIRONMENTAL: SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE FOR PLANNED RELEASE INTO THE ENVIRONMENT OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

On October 4, 2019, the National Technical Biosafety Commission ("CTNBio") published Normative Resolution No. 23 ("Resolution") to simplify the authorization procedure for planned release into the environment of genetically modified organisms of risk class 1 previously approved by CTNBio for the purpose of experimental evaluations ("LPMA").

Among the innovations brought by the Resolution, we highlight:

- To obtain authorization for LPMA it is only necessary to notify the Internal Biosafety Commission ("CIBio"), which will notify CTNBio after approving the LPMA;
- LPMA may be initiated after verification of the correct filling out the notification form and simple communication to the plenary of CTNBio;
- CIBio itself becomes responsible for notifying CTNBio and no longer the applicant;
- CIBio shall maintain LPMA's individual follow-up record in order to preserve biosafety information, which was the responsibility of the applicant in the previous regulation.

The authorization procedure for LPMA was facilitated by the Resolution, as the previous Resolution required the approval of the LPMA proposal by at least two CTNBio Subcommittees. Now with the new measure, only the notification of CTNBio is required and the approval is no longer necessary.

It is worth mentioning that LPMA remains prohibited for commercial use and being allowed only for the purpose of monitored experimental evaluations.

Veirano's environmental and agribusiness regulatory team is highly experienced on the subject and is available to provide further clarification.

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