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ENVIRONMENTAL: CONSOLIDATED RULES FOR COMMERCIAL RELEASE AND MONITORING OF GMOS

On January 9, 2020, the National Technical Commission on Biosafety ("CTNBio") published Normative Resolution No. 24 ("Resolution") aiming at consolidating the standard on commercial release of Genetically Modified Organisms ("GMOs") with the standard on post-release monitoring.

The Resolution repeals the previous regulations that regulated the commercial release of GMOs, as well as their post-release monitoring, consolidating the two procedures in a single regulation.

We highlight the following changes brought by the new Resolution:

- Genetically modified plants and their derivatives of Risk Class I that present only negligible risks, that is, with reduced damage and negligible probability, are exempt from the monitoring plan;
- The rules on Planned Releases in the Environment ("LPMAs") are no longer applied to commercially released GMOs whose risk assessment has identified only negligible risks;
- The post commercial release monitoring plan can be submitted together with the commercial release request, with no further need to wait for its approval.

If the applicant submitted a request before the publication of the Resolution, the request must be supplemented to comply with the new rules.

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

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