

NATIONAL BIOSAFETY BOARD DECISION

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL FOR COMMERCIAL IMPORT OF CUT FLOWERS OF NOVEL FLOWER COLOUR VARIETIES OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED CARNATION (*Dianthus caryophyllus* L.)

NBB REF. NO: JBK(S) 602-1/1/8
APPLICANT: SUNTORY HOLDINGS LTD
DATE OF DECISION: 27 NOVEMBER 2012

The National Biosafety Board (NBB) on the 27 November 2012 granted approval with terms and conditions to an application from Suntory Holdings Ltd. for release activities of a cut flower of genetically modified (GM) carnations (*Dianthus caryophyllus* L.).

This approval permits the import to supply or offer to supply for sale/placing on the market of the cut flowers which are novel colour varieties of the GM carnation. The product is aimed only for ornamental purposes in the form of amateur and professional flower arrangements, as gifts, home and business decoration and event decoration (weddings, functions, etc.) and is not to be used as planting material.

The recommendation of the Genetic Modification Advisory Committee (GMAC) to the NBB was for an approval with terms and conditions in accordance with the provisions of subsections 16(3) and 16(4) of the Biosafety Act for the release of GM carnation. This recommendation was based on GMAC thorough evaluation which determined that the release of this product does not endanger biological diversity or human, animal and plant health. Proper risk management strategies are to be followed as stipulated through the terms and conditions imposed (Appendix 1).

NBB also considered inputs from Department of Agriculture and Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services when making their decision on the application. Public consultation for this application was done from 3 September 2012 until 2 October 2012. However, no comments from public were received during this consultation period.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

Application for Approval for Commercial Import of Cut Flowers of Novel Flower
Colour Varieties of Genetically Modified Carnation
(*Dianthus caryophyllus* L.)

- 1) The importation of GM carnation is subject to approval by Department of Agriculture.
- 2) There shall be clear labeling of the product from importation down to all levels of marketing to state that it is only for the ornamental purposes in the form of amateur and professional flower arrangements, as gifts, home and business decoration and event decoration (weddings, functions, etc.) and is not to be used as planting material.
- 3) Should the approved person have any new or additional scientific information on adverse effect of GM carnation, the National Biosafety Board authority shall be informed immediately.