

## **Rules of Network for Breeding by Genome Editing (Provisional Translation)**

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### **(Name)**

**Article 1** The Society shall be referred to as a Network for breeding by genome editing (hereinafter referred to as "the Society").

### **(Purpose)**

**Article 2** The Society is a place where cooperate "loosely" not only developers and breeders involved in genome editing breeding, but also agricultural producers, distributors, public relations officials, consumers etc. The purpose of the Society is to contribute toward a better understanding of genome editing breeding in Japan by networking and information exchanging among its stakeholders and dissemination.

### **(Activities)**

**Article 3** The Society conducts the following activities in order to achieve the purpose of the preceding article.

- (i) Activities related with gathering and analyzing technical and political information about genome editing breeding both within and outside Japan.
- (ii) Activities related with information exchange and dissemination for a better understanding of genome editing breeding
- (iii) Activities related with networking among members.
- (iv) Other activities that are needed to achieve the purpose of the Society.

### **(Members)**

**Article 4** The members shall comprise individuals or organizations of producers, distributors, plant breeders, food service companies, retailers, food manufacturing / processing companies, public relations officials, farmers, consumers, universities, public research institutions and administrative who agree with the Society's purpose.

(2) The member can apply for registration based on the enrollment procedure of Article 13 and add it by obtaining the confirmation of the executive board listed in Article 7.

**(Officers)**

**Article 5** Put the next officer at the Society.

- (i) Put one representative secretary. The representative secretary shall summarize the administration.
- (ii) Put a few deputy representative secretary. The deputy representative secretary will assist the representative secretary.
- (iii) Put a small number of secretaries. The secretary shall implement the planning necessary for the operation of the Society.
- (iv) Put a few auditors. The auditor audits the execution of the duties of the representative secretary, deputy representative secretary and secretary, and prepares an audit report.
- (v) Representative secretary, deputy representative secretary, secretary, and auditor shall be appointed at the general meeting from members as a general rule every two years.

**(General Meeting)**

**Article 6** Place a general meeting in the Society.

- (2) Members of the general meeting shall be officers and members.
- (3) In cases where it is deemed necessary for the promotion of the Society, it is possible to request participation by persons other than the members of the preceding paragraph.
- (4) In principle, the general meeting shall be held at least once a year and shall deal with the following matters.
  - (i) Information exchange on promotion of the Society
  - (ii) Activity report and income and expenditure settlement of the Society
  - (iii) Appointment of officers
  - (iv) Approval of amendment to the rule of Article 15
  - (v) Other
- (5) (4)(iii) and (iv) can not be decided without approval of a majority of participants in the general meeting.
- (6) The general affairs of the general meeting shall be conducted by the secretariat.

**(Executive Board)**

**Article 7** Place an executive board in the Society.

(2) Members of the executive board shall be representative secretary, deputy representative secretary, secretary and auditor.

(3) The executive board shall discuss and decide the following matters.

(i) Matters concerning the management of the Society (including the activity plan of the Society, income and expenditure budget, activity report, income and expenditure settlement)

(ii) Matters concerning the enrollment and withdrawal of members

(iii) Matters concerning the installation of the project

(iv) To propose amendments to the rule to the general meeting based on Article 15

(v) Other things that are needed to achieve the purpose of the Society.

(4) The executive board cannot hold without attending at least one-half of the officers. Also, the executive board cannot decide without a majority vote of the officers. Even in cases where the executive board cannot hold, approval of the decision of the executive board by Email can also be accepted.

(5) The general affairs of the executive board shall be conducted by the secretariat.

#### **(Project)**

**Article 8** With the approval of the executive board, we install a project to solve various problems at the Society. The member can optionally participate in one or more projects.

(2) Intellectual property rights such as ideas and know-how that occurred in the project are in principle attributable to the Society.

#### **(Business year)**

**Article 9** The business year of the Society starts on April 1 every year and ends on March 31 of the following year.

#### **(Activity plan and income and expenditure budget)**

**Article 10** Documents that describe the activity plan, income and expenditure budget etc. of the Society must be prepared by the representative secretary and approved by the executive board by the day before the commencement day of each business year. The same shall apply when changing this.

(2) Documents set forth in the preceding paragraph shall be prepared by the secretariat until the

end of the relevant business year.

**(Activity report and settlement)**

**Article 11** With regard to the activity report and settlement of the Society, after the end of each business year, the representative secretary prepares the following documents, receives the audit of the auditors, submits them to the general meeting after being approved by the executive board. The contents of the documents of item 1 and item 2 shall be reported and the document of item 3 shall be approved by the general meeting.

(i) Activity report

(ii) Supplementary schedules of activity report

(iii) Income and expenditure settlement

**(Secretariat)**

**Article 12** Place a secretariat in the Society.

(2) The secretariat will perform the general affairs of the Society.

(3) The secretariat shall be responsible for the Tsukuba-Plant Innovation Research Center, University of Tsukuba.

(4) The location is 1 - 1 -1 Tennodai Tsukuba, Ibaraki.

(5) The location of the Society shall be the same as the location of the secretariat.

**(Enrollment Procedure etc.)**

**Article 13** Those who wish to join the Society submit "registration application form" to the secretariat. The secretariat will register after obtaining confirmation from the executive board.

(2) Any person who wishes to withdraw from the society shall submit a "notice of withdrawal" to the secretariat. The secretariat will delete the registration after reporting to the executive board.

(3) The executive board may delete the member's registration when it finds that the one's act was performed in a way that is clearly contrary to the purpose of the Society, or when it finds that one has performed acts that would cause disadvantages to other members or third parties.

**(Conference held)**

**Article 14** The meeting of the Society shall be held from time to time as necessary.

(2) The meeting shall be convened by the representative secretary or a person who has received the delegation.

(3) The proceedings of the meeting shall be kept private from the viewpoint of securing free exchange of opinions.

**(Amendment of the rule)**

**Article 15** When amend this rule, the executive board shall propose the amendment to the general meeting and obtain approval of the general meeting.

**(Handling of personal information)**

**Article 16** Members and the secretariat shall appropriately manage the personal information of members obtained by the activities of the Society in accordance with the Act on the Protection of Personal Information (Act No. 57 of 2003), the relevant laws and guidelines.

**(Other)**

**Article 17** In addition to what is provided for in this rule, the executive board shall determine matters necessary for the operation of the Society.

## Roster of officers

### Representative secretary

Dr. Hiroshi Ezura

Professor of Tsukuba Plant Innovation Research Center, University of Tsukuba

### Deputy representative secretary

Ms. Hisa Anan

Chief Director of Association to Create a Society with a Consumer Citizenship (ASCON)

### Secretary

Dr. Miyuki Fukuda

Syngenta Japan K.K.

Dr. Koichi Inoue

BASF Japan Ltd.

Dr. Mieko Kasai

Professor of Center for Environment, Health and Field Sciences, Chiba University

Mr. Tomohiro Kondo

Director of Japan Seed Trade Association (JASTA)

Dr. Ryo Ohsawa

Professor of Tsukuba Plant Innovation Research Center, University of Tsukuba

Dr. Yasuyuki Takahashi

Dow AgroSciences Japan Ltd.

Dr. Takuji Yanagawa

Bayer CropScience K.K.

Auditor

Mr. Masami Kojima

Representative secretary of Japan Foodjournalist Association (JFJ)

Dr. Takeshi Fujii

Sr. Technical Manager of Japan Association for Techno-Innovation in Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (JATAFF)