STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

DISTRICT COURT

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In re Syngenta Litigation

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Case Type: Civil Other

Court File No. 27-CV-15-3785

Judge Thomas M. Sipkins

ORDER REGARDING THE PROCESS FOR THE SUBSTITUTION OF SUCCESSORS OR REPRESENTATIVES OF DECEASED PLAINTIFF(S)

More than 30,000 individuals have filed suit in more than 1,500 distinct complaints, and have all seen their cases consolidated into this action. To achieve efficiency, the parties have negotiated, and the Court has entered, an Order requiring the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee to file a Master Complaint, which has been filed.

An issue has arisen concerning the claims filed by certain Plaintiffs wherein the said Plaintiffs are since deceased. Whether these Plaintiffs' individual claims survive death and may be brought by and through applicable successor representatives is a matter of the law of the state of the deceased Plaintiff.

As such, the parties have met and conferred concerning this issue and have reached an agreement concerning the most efficient manner in which to remedy the same, and have agreed on this order.

Upon consideration of this matter, the Court hereby orders as follows:

Substitution of Successors or Representatives of Deceased Plaintiffs:

(1) With respect to any Plaintiff whose complaint requires amendment arising from the death of the Plaintiff and requiring substitution of an applicable successor or representative to continue the claim after death, counsel shall file monthly, if necessary, a single Stipulated Consolidated Motion to Substitute Successors or Representatives of Deceased Plaintiffs. Such Motion shall include a sworn declaration by counsel for the Plaintiffs attesting to: (1) the original cause number; (2) the Hennepin County cause number; (3) the name of the current Plaintiff (deceased); (4) the name of the proposed successor or representative Plaintiff; (5) the date of the deceased Plaintiffs' death; (5) the relationship of the proposed successor or representative to the deceased Plaintiff; (6) the date of appointment of the successor or representative as executor or executrix of the estate of the deceased Plaintiff, if applicable; (7) the state of residence of the deceased Plaintiffs must furnish any death certificates and orders regarding appointment of the successor or representative as executor or executrix of the estate of the deceased Plaintiffs must furnish any death certificates and orders regarding appointment of the successor or representative as executor or executrix of the estate of the deceased Plaintiff, if applicable, to Defendants or the Court upon request.

(2) The parties are ordered to continue to confer monthly concerning this issue and to periodically submit such motions to amend when necessary in order to keep the pleadings in this matter up-to-date and accurate.

Dated <u>May 3</u>, 2016.

Thomas M. Sipkins
District Court Judge