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### **APPLICATION FOR AUTHORISATION TO IMPORT LMO'S INTO SOUTH AFRICA THAT ARE DESTINED FOR CONTAINED USE**

This document must be accompanied by (a) a cover letter, (b) completed application for the intended use of the LMO in SA (i.e. contained use or fast track application form) and (c) proof of payment of the correct fee in terms of the Genetically Modified Organisms Act, 1997 (Act No. 15 of 1997).

Activities with GMO's for research and academic purposes, conducted at containment levels 1 and 2 (determined through a risk assessment conducted by the officer in charge) within a laboratory or growth room in an academic or research facility, are exempted from the requirement of a contained use permit in terms of Regulation 2(2). A contained use permit is required once the research is scaled up from basic research to product development, or when conducting the activities in a greenhouse or when the containment level is 3 and above.

1. Name, address and contact details of the importer (contact point for further information)
2. Contact details of the Competent National Authority in the Part of Export.
3. Name, address and contact details of the exporter.
4. Common name, scientific name, commercial name or unique identifier code (OECD) of the living modified organism, as well as the domestic classification, if any, of the biosafety level of the living modified organisms (LMO's)?
5. The intended date/dates of the transboundary movement, if known?
6. Port of entry within South Africa (name and city)?
7. A description of the nucleic acid or the modification introduced, the technique used, and the resulting characteristics of the LMO.
8. The regulatory status of the LMO within the Party of Export.
9. The intended use of the LMO in SA and what was it used for in the Party of Export?
10. The quantity or volume of the LMO to be imported into South Africa?
11. A complete list of the varieties/hybrids of the LMO.

12. Methods and plans for safe handling, storage, transport and use, including packaging, labelling, documentation, disposal and contingency procedures.
13. Methods and plans used in South Africa for monitoring of the LMO.
14. Emergency procedures that will be applied in South Africa in the event of an accident with the LMO.
15. An evaluation of the foreseeable impacts, in particular any pathogenic and ecologically disruptive impacts of the LMO's.
16. A completed affidavit to declare that the information provided is factually correct.

### **Directions for the potential importer:**

(This page must be excluded from the documents submitted to the Registrar's office)

- Please complete all sections of the form CLEARLY.
- A template of the affidavit is obtainable from the Registrar's office.
- Please provide 1 original and 11 copies of the application with confidential information.
- Please provide an additional application containing no confidential information. The latter application will be made available for public scrutiny. **Non-Confidential Business Information copy (NON-CBI copy) - this is your application where you have deleted any information that you regard as confidential business information. Please take note that you must make reference to the specific section of the Promotion of Access to Information Act, 2000 whenever you "delete" information in this application**
- Every potential importer must submit a notification to the competent national authority within SA.  
This notification shall contain of –
  - A letter indicating the intent of the potential importer
  - Completed import application form
  - Completed application for intended use of the GMO in SA
  - Proof of payment of the the correct fee in terms of the Genetically Modified Organisms Act, 1997
- Contact details of the competent national authority in SA is the following:  
Ms NL Mkhonza  
Registrar: Genetically Modified Organisms  
Private Bag X973  
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Tel: +27 12 319 6382  
Fax: +27 12 319 6298  
E-mail: [NompumeleloM@daff.gov.za](mailto:NompumeleloM@daff.gov.za)
- Please take note that the Registrar's office may request additional information to the notification.
- The Registrar's office will acknowledge receipt of the notification in writing.
- The acknowledgement shall state –
  - the date of receipt of the notification;
  - whether the notification contains the required information; and
  - whether a permit is issued or not
- A permit for importation will only be issued once the Registrar has received the necessary clearance by the Executive Council.
- LMO's exempted from requirement of an import permit under the GMO Act are not necessarily exempted from requirement of an import permit in terms of the Biosafety Protocol.
- A Party is a Party in terms of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.
- These procedures are also applicable for imports from non-Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.
- The potential importer is responsible for adhering to the requirements of and obtaining the consent from the Party of Export for the proposed transboundary movement.

*Any permit or letter issued in a foreign language, should be accompanied by a certified copy of the officially translated letter or permit*

- Please take note that although a notification as required by Article 8 of the CPB is not required for LMO's intended for contained use, SA requires such a notification as described earlier, and any other applicable procedures, within its domestic regulatory framework.

AFFIDAVIT/VERKLARING/STATEMENT

**(moet ingevul word in teenwoordigheid van 'n Kommissaris van Ede / to be completed in the presence of a Commissioner of Oaths)**

Ek/I.....

ID-Nommer/Number..... Ouderdom/Age .....

Woonadres/ Residing address .....

Werkadres/working address .....

Tel ..... (w) ..... (h) ..... (cell)

Verklaar onder eed in Afrikaans / bevestig in Afrikaans -  
Declare under oath in English / confirm in English –

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Ek is vertrou met die inhoud van bostaande verklaring en begryp dit. Ek het geen beswaar/het beswaar teen die aflê van die voorgeskrewe eed. Ek beskou die voorgeskrewe eed/bevestiging as bindend vir my gewete.

I am familiar with, and understand the contents of this declaration. I have no objection/have objection to taking the prescribed oath. I consider the prescribed oath as binding to my conscience.

Plek/Place: .....

Datum/Date: .....

Tyd/Time: .....

Handtekening/Signature: .....

Ek sertifiseer dat bostaande verklaring deur my afgeneem is en dat die verklaarder erken dat hy/sy vertrou is met die inhoud van hierdie verklaring and dit begryp. Hierdie verklaring is voor my beëdig en verklaarder se handtekening/merk/duimafdruk is in my teenwoordigheid daarop aangebring.

I certify that the above statement was taken from me and that the deponent has acknowledge that he/she knows and understands the contents of the statement. The statement was sworn to/affirmed before me and deponents signature/mark/thumb print was placed thereon in my presence.

Te/At: .....op/on .....om/at .....

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Kommissaris van Ede/Commissioner of Oaths

(inligting i.v.m. fisiese en posadres moet verskaf word, bv. Stempel van die polisiestasie details to be provided on physical and postal address e.g. stamp of police station)

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Magsnommer /Rang/Naam – drukskrif  
Force number/Rank/Name - print