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APPLICATION FOR AUTHORISATION TO IMPORT LMO'S THAT HAVE GENERAL RELEASE AND/OR COMMODITY CLEARANCE STATUS IN SOUTH AFRICA

This application form should only be utilised to apply for importation of (i) a LMO that already has general release status in South Africa, or (b) when a commodity import is (e.g. grain import from Argentina containing events MON810; Bt11; Bt176 and T25, intended for animal feed).

This document must be accompanied by (a) a cover letter, (b) a current letter from the Competent National Authority in the Party of Export confirming the status of GM events in that particular country and (c) proof of payment of the correct fee in terms of the Genetically Modified Organisms Act, 1997 (Act No. 15 of 1997). An application for an import permit must reach the office of the registrar well in advance and the importer must be in a possession of a valid import permit before the consignment leaves the country of export.

1. Name, address and contact details of the importer (contact point for further information).
2. Contact details of the Competent National Authority in the Party of Export.
3. Name, address and contact details of the exporter.
4. Common name (e.g. maize), scientific name (e.g. *Zea mays*), commercial name/event (e.g. MON810) of the living modified organism(s) that may be present in the consignment?
5. A complete list of the varieties/hybrids of the event.
6. The intended date/dates of the transboundary movement, if known?
7. Port of entry within South Africa (name and city)?
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 completed affidavit to declare that the information provided is factually correct.

The following questions must be completed in the case of a commodity import:

12. Methods and plans used 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.

Directions for the potential importer:

(This page must be excluded from the documents to be 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 an 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
 - A current letter from the Competent National Authority or department designated to issue LMO permits (if country not part of the Protocol) confirming that status of GM events in that particular country
*Any permit or letter issued in a foreign language, should be accompanied by a certified copy of the officially translated letter or permit. **All permits or letters submitted must be a certified copy of the original documentation if not submitted with the application.***
 - Proof of payment of the correct fee in terms of the Genetically Modified Organisms Act, 1997 for the importation and intended use.
- Contact details of the competent national authority in SA is the following:
Ms NL Mkhonza
Registrar: Genetically Modified Organisms
Private Bag X973
Pretoria
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Tel: +27 12 319 6382
Fax: +27 12 319 6298
E-mail: NompumeleloM@daff.gov.za
 - Please take note that the Registrar's office may request additional information to the notification.
 - 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 procedures for imports indicated above are applicable until such time that the Competent National Authority, i.e. Registrar, through the Biosafety Clearing House,

has indicated a simplified procedure or the Registrar has indicated a revised procedure to be followed.

AFFIDAVIT

(to be completed in the presence of a Commissioner of Oaths)

I.....

ID Number..... Age

Residing address

Working address

Tel (w) (h) (cell)

Declare under oath in English / confirm in English –

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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.

Place:

Date:

Time:

Signature:

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.

At:onat

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Commissioner of Oaths

(Details to be provided on physical and postal address e.g. stamp of police station)

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Force number/Rank/Name - print