



NATIONAL BIOSAFETY AUTHORITY

(Revised) Procedure for Importing 99.1% Genetically Modified-Free Maize Grains

- 1) The importer shall obtain from the supplier a GMO analysis certificate of the consignment. The certificate should be from an accredited laboratory e.g. SGS. The GMO analysis should use Quantitative real time PCR. As a minimum, the PCR test should quantify the level of CaMV promoter and TNOS Terminating sequences.
- 2) The Importer then fills an Application form entitled “import of duty free maize with possible traces of GM content” (available at www.biosafetykenya.go.ke) and sends it to the National Biosafety Authority (NBA) (attaching the GMO Analysis Certificate).
- 3) The Authority reviews the Application and the GMO Analysis Certificate and makes a decision (Approve/Approve with Conditions/Reject with reason) which is conveyed to the importer in writing within 7 days with a copy to relevant Government Agencies such as KEPHIS, Public Health, DVS, KEBS.
- 4) The Importer obtains a Plant Import Permit (PIP) from KEPHIS, seeks clearance from MoH and then proceeds to import the consignment of maize.
- 5) Once the consignment arrives at the port of entry, the Importer lodges an import application through NBA portal at Kenya National Electronic Single Window System (KNESWS) (<https://kenyatradenet.go.ke/keswsoga/TraderLogin.do>) attaching the NBA approval document and the PIP from KEPHIS and then makes a payment of **Kshs. 1,000** to NBA.
- 6) The Authority’s Biosafety Inspectors will then review the Application through KNESWS. The review entails document verification and physical cargo inspection before the cargo is cleared.
- 7) The Importer shall ensure that ALL GM-maize grains are milled into maize flour or animal feed to avoid being planted.

Note: For consignments originating from a country that has already commercialized GM maize, the Authority shall sample and carry out confirmatory GMO test at the cost of the applicant (**Kshs 30,000**). These consignments shall be conditionally released, those that will be found to exceed 0.9% GM content shall not be cleared for use as food or feed and NBA shall take necessary measures including legal actions. Countries that have commercialized GM maize include: **USA, Brazil, Argentina, Canada, Paraguay, South Africa, Uruguay, Philippines, Spain, Colombia, Vietnam, Honduras, Chile, Portugal, Slovakia, and Czech Republic.**

This revised procedure commences from 1st June 2017 and is only applicable during the period of emergency importation up to 31st July, 2017

Signed: _____

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