



NATIONAL BIOSAFETY AUTHORITY

Procedure for Importing 99.1% Genetically Modified-Free Maize Grains

- 1) The importer to obtain from the supplier a GMO analysis certificate of the consignment. The certificate should be from an accredited laboratory like SGS.
- 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 KEPHIS.
- 4) The Importer obtains a Plant Import Permit (PIP) from KEPHIS and 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.

The outlined procedure is only applicable during the period of emergency importation upto 31st July, 2017

Signed: _____

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