



NATIONAL BIOSAFETY AUTHORITY

PROCEDURE FOR IMPORTING NON-GENETICALLY MODIFIED MAIZE GRAINS UNDER THE CONCESSIONAL RATE

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 Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) method. As a minimum, the PCR test should quantify the level of CaMV Promoter and TNOs Terminator sequences
2. The Importer then fills an Application Form entitled " Importation of Maize at Concessional Rate with possible traces of GM content" (available at www.biosafetykenya.go.ke) and sends it to 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 a reason) which is conveyed to the Importer in writing within 7 days with a copy to relevant Government Agencies.
4. The Importer obtains a Plant Import Permit (PIP) from KEPHIS 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) (<http://kenyatradenet.go.ke/keswsogaaalTraderLogin.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 maize grains imported under the concessional rate are milled into maize flour or animal feed to avoid being planted.

The outlined procedure is only applicable during importation of Maize at concessional rate up to 31st July2020

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