



NATIONAL BIOSAFETY AUTHORITY

NOTICE TO DEALERS IN GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS (GMOs) AND THEIR DERIVED PRODUCTS

The National Biosafety Authority is a State Corporation established under section 5 of the Biosafety Act, No. 2 of 2009 to exercise general supervision and control over the transfer, handling and use of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) with a view of ensuring safety of human and animal health and provision of adequate level of protection of the environment. The Authority is also the National Focal for the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

The Authority takes note of the recent High Court ruling on GMOs and their derived products which was delivered on Thursday 7th November 2024 re-affirming the Cabinet decision of 3rd October 2022 that Kenya has a robust legal, regulatory and institutional framework to regulate GMOs.

By virtue of the High Court ruling, the Authority draws the attention of persons wishing to deal in GMO products to the provisions of Biosafety Act, 2009 Sections 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 50 and the Regulations made thereunder which require such persons to make applications to the Authority for approval to deal with the said products. Details of the application procedures, including application forms can be accessed at www.biosafetykenya.go.ke as well as the E-citizen platform.

Take notice that it is an offence under Section 52 of the Biosafety Act for any person to deal in GMOs or their derived products without the written approval of the Authority.

The Authority affirms to Kenyans that following the High Court ruling, it shall discharge its mandate of ensuring safety of human, animal health and protection of the environment in accordance with the Biosafety Act.

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