



NCRST
NATIONAL COMMISSION
ON RESEARCH SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

PUBLIC NOTICE

COMPLIANCE WITH THE BIOSAFETY ACT, 2006

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REQUEST TO ALL AFFECTED PARTIES WHO ARE DEALING OR INTEND TO DEAL WITH GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS (GMOs) FOR CONTAINED USE, CONFINED FIELD TRIALS, ENVIRONMENTAL RELEASE OR PLACING ON THE MARKET.

The Biosafety Act, 2006 (Act No. 7 of 2006) provides for measures “to regulate activities involving the research, development, production, marketing, transport, application and other uses of genetically modified organisms and specified products derived from genetically modified organisms; to establish a Biosafety Council and define its powers, functions and duties; and to make provision for incidental matters”.

Section 20 of the Biosafety Act give conditions under which a person must deal with GMO or GMO products. Section 1(2) of the Biosafety Act stipulates that: the Minister, after consultation with the Council, may by notice in the Gazette specify any article, material, substance or thing, derived from or containing a genetically modified organism or a combination of genetically modified organisms to be a GMO product for the purposes of this Act. The declaration of GMO was gazetted on October 9th, 2018 and updated on 25th September 2022.

In view of the above, the NCRST is requesting all the affected parties who are dealing or intend to deal with GMO related activities to comply with the requirements of the Biosafety Act, 2006.

Therefore, for compliance purpose, kindly submit your application along with the proof of payment of N\$ 1000.00, as specified in Annexure 4 of the Biosafety Regulation. The application forms and bank details can be downloaded from the NCRST website: <https://ncrst.na/>. For more information, please contact Ms. Hilde Amputu at 061 4317041 or email at hamputu@ncrst.na