



Requirements to Sell, Manufacture or Commercialize Transgenics, Insecticides, Pesticides, Herbicides and Rodenticides

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- 1. Is permission required from the government in order to plant, commercialize, import or export products that have been genetically modified or engineered ("GMOs")?**

Either the introduction of GMOs to Chile or its use (introduction into the environment) require authorization from Agricultural and Livestock Service as well as an environmental impact assessment approved by environmental authorities.

Every GMO modifying any food and/or food feedstock shall be included in a list specially prepared by Health Ministry.

Their exportation will require a certificate from Agricultural and Livestock Service or health authorities.

- 2. Is local presence required in order to be considered a duly registered distributor where the GMO is going to be imported and sold?**

Nor registration neither local presence is required to distribute this kind of products (however, general rules applies to foreign distributors selling products in Chile).

3. **Which governmental authorities are involved in the determination of the regulations involving GMOs (for example, food and agriculture, environmental, health, safety)?**

The Health Ministry, its regional secretaries and the Public Health Institute;
Environmental Authorities; Agricultural and Livestock Service; Fishing Sub Secretary.

4. **Are local performance and/or environmental safety studies required to obtain the permit to plant, commercialize, import or export GMOs, or are studies carried out in the country of origin of the GMO where it has already been certified, valid or accepted?**

The authorization for introduction of GMOs to Chile and into the environment requires a risk analysis and a positive statement from the competent authority in its country of origin; if the GMOs are developed in Chile, the Agricultural and Livestock Service shall provide a positive statement after pursuing studies in connection with its possible adverse effects.

Also, the environmental authorities must verify the effects the introduction of GMOs to Chile and into the environment may have.

5. **Does the permission granted by the Government authorize the consumption of GMOs by human beings? Are there specific rules for the consumption of GMOs?**

For human consumption purposes, every GMO modifying any food and/or food feedstock must be included in a list specially prepared by Health Ministry, prior commercialization of the food and/or food feedstock. For this purpose a special proceeding with a comprehensive disclosure of information shall be pursued.

6. **Is governmental permission required for foreign companies to commercialize, import or export pesticides, insecticides, rodenticides and/or their consumables?**

Only authorized pesticides, insecticides and rodenticides by the Agricultural and Livestock Service can be imported, produced, distributed or used in Chile. Their production and importation needs authorization from health authorities.

Sanitary registration is required for commercialization or distribution in Chile of locally produced or imported sanitary or home-use pesticides.

Their exportation also requires this registration and a certificate from Agricultural and Livestock Service.

7. **Is local presence required in order to be a registered or authorized distributor where the pesticides, insecticides, rodenticides and/or their consumables are going to be imported and sold?**

Only persons with local domicile can request the authorization above mentioned by the Agricultural and Livestock Service.

8. Which governmental authorities are involved in the determination of the environmental health and safety of pesticides, insecticides, rodenticides?

The Health Ministry, its regional secretaries and the Public Health Institute; Agricultural and Livestock Service; Environmental Authorities.

9. Are local performance and/or environmental safety studies required to obtain the authorization to market pesticides, plaguicides, rodenticides, insecticides, or are studies carried out in the country of origin of the products, valid or accepted?

Local performance and environmental and health safety studies must be performed in order to obtain the authorization to commercialize pesticides, insecticides and rodenticides. Prior such studies an authorization for experimental purposes within experimental stations specially approved for these purpose can be granted. The authority in charge of these authorizations is the Agricultural and Livestock Service.

10. Is a prescription by a qualified professional required in the herbicides commercialization? If the answer is "YES", what is the professional that grants such prescription?

No specific prescription is required for herbicide commercialization. However, the request of authorization before the Agricultural and Livestock Service needs the advice of a professional qualified in the disciplines related to the pesticide use.