



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")?**

Yes, Colombian government has established specific dispositions for Live Modified Organisms (LMO), including products derived thereof.

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

Yes, in Colombia you need to be legally constituted.

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

In Colombia there are Technical Committees in Biosafety, which are responsible for this type of regulation. Specifically there are two technical Committees: i) for LMO involved in human health or nourish and ii) for LMO involved in agriculture, livestock, and commercial and agro-industrial forest plantations.

These technical Committees include the presence of Ministry of Health, Ministry of Housing and Environment, Colombian Agriculture Institute (ICA), Colombian Institute for the

Development.

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?**

Safety studies carried out in other countries are accepted. However, national authorities can require in-situ evaluations.

Depending on the type of GMO's, performance studies are required to be done in Colombia or information about others evaluations made abroad is accepted.

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?**

In general, GMO's and derived products need independent permission.

This permission makes the GMO's legal and allowable to commerce, i.e. acceptable to consumption by human beings, yet the consumption decision is meant to be leave to customer and thus, discussions about the labelling of GMO's are being made since 2005, without a final decision yet.

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

In order to commercialize the products it is required a governmental permission called "National Registration".

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?**

Yes. The national registration is only granted to companies that are properly established in Colombia.

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

There are several authorities involved, each assessing different aspects:

ICA (Colombian Agricultural Institute): This institute focuses on the performance of the products over the cultures in which they are going to be used.

Ministry of Social Protection: This entity focuses on the repercussions of the use of the products in human health.

Ministry of Housing and Environment: This entity focuses of the impact of the use of the products over the environment.

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?**



The performance study of the products has to be carried out national-wise.

Study of human health impact can be performed outside of the country.

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?

Prescription by a qualified professional is required only for determined products that are highly risky and/or are manufactured with inputs controlled by our National Directorate for Narcotic Drugs.

The professional that issues the prescription is an Agronomist.

