



## **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")?**

No GMO product can be planted, commercialized, imported or exported without permission from the competent Authorities. Such permission may be subject to specific conditions which must be complied with by the Applicant, otherwise the permission may be revoked.

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

There is no statutory provision requiring local presence for the registered distributor of GMOs sought to be imported and sold in Cyprus.

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

The competent Authorities involved in the determination of the regulations involving GMOs are (a) the Department for the Environment of the Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment and (b) the Ministry of Health (relating to food products).

- 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?**

Each person applying for permission to import GMOs is obliged by law to present an evaluation of the environmental risks. Such evaluation must be conducted by an organization or individual, whose evaluations have already been accepted by a member state of the European Union.

- 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?**

Permission may be granted for foods containing material which contains, consists of or is produced from GMOs in a proportion no higher than 0.9 per cent of the food ingredients considered individually or food consisting of a single ingredient, provided that this presence is adventitious or technically unavoidable. Specific regulations apply to such products, in line with EU legislation.

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

No pesticides, insecticides, rodenticides and/or their consumables may be imported, manufactured, commercialized or in any other way distributed, without prior approval and registration with the competent Authority.

- 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?**

The Applicant for registration must have a permanent seat in the EU. If the Applicant does not reside in Cyprus or another EU member state, the application needs to be signed by an agent or distributor in Cyprus or another member state, who undertakes the Registrant's obligations.

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

The Governmental authorities involved in the determination of the environmental health and safety of pesticides, insecticides, rodenticides are: (i) the Council for the Control of Agricultural Medicines and (ii) The Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and 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?**

An application for registration must be supported, inter alia, by a Report in relation to a number of issues specifically listed in the relevant law. Results of studies in other countries



may be accepted.

**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 prescription by a qualified professional is required in the herbicides commercialization.

