



**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")?**

The planting, commercialization, importation and exportation of GMOs are prohibited in the Dominican Republic as established by the provisions of Article 4 section d) of the Regulation No. 820-03 on Organic Agriculture as of September 9, 2003; which reads: *"The use of genetically engineered organisms or transgenic organisms are prohibited."*

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

Please refer to answer no.1

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

The Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Public Health.

- 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?**

Please refer to answer No.1

- 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?**

Please refer to answer No.1

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

Yes; governmental permission is indeed required.

- 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?**

No; it is not mandatory to have a local presence; the registration may be done either through local presence and/or a local representative or distributor.

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

The governmental authority involved is the Ministry of Agriculture.

- 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?**

Yes; local performance and environmental safety studies are indeed required.

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?

Yes, it is required; such professional is the agronomist regent.

