



## **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")?**

In Mexico, in order to liberate, plant, import, export, commercialize and/or distribute Genetically Modified or Engineered Products/Organisms (GMO's), a special permission needs to be obtained before the competent 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?**

In Mexico, only entities domiciliated in the Mexican territory can file a petition to obtain a special permission regarding any activity for GMO's. This means, local presence is a necessary condition to be considered as a duly registered company for any activity regarding such products.

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

In Mexico, regarding GMO's the competent authorities are:  
Environment and Natural Resources Ministry  
Food and Agriculture Ministry  
Health Ministry

Inter-Ministries Commission for Biosecurity of Genetically Modified Organisms (CIBIOGEM)

Federal Commission Against Health Risks (COFEPRIS)

National Registry for Biosecurity of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO's)

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?**

In Mexico, among the requirements to file for a special permission regarding any activity with GMO's, a study (performed locally) of the possible/potential risks to the environment and to the biological diversity due to liberating GMO's, needs to be attached to the petition before the authorities.

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 Mexico, a special permission for GMO's consumption by human beings can be obtained. For this purposes, there are special rules that apply to this type of products regarding labeling, packaging, and identification. The rules are included in the Law for Biosecurity of Genetically Modified Organisms, and in the applicable Mexican Official Standards.

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

In Mexico, in order to import, export, commercialize and/or distribute pesticides, insecticides, rodenticides and/or their consumables, a special permission needs to be obtained before the competent authorities.

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?**

In Mexico, only entities domiciliated in the Mexican territory with specific Manufacturing or Warehousing Facilities can file a petition to obtain a special permission regarding any activity for pesticides, insecticides, rodenticides and/or their consumables. This means, local presence is a necessary condition to be considered as a duly registered company for any activity regarding such products.

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

In Mexico, regarding pesticides, insecticides, rodenticides and/or their consumables the competent authorities are:

Food and Agriculture Ministry

Health Ministry

Environment and Natural Resources Ministry

Inter-Ministries Commission for the Control of Plaguicides, Fertilizers, and Dangerous and/or Toxic Substances (CICOPLAFEST)



Federal Commission Against Health Risks (COFEPRIS)  
Registry for Plaguicides, Fertilizers, and Dangerous and/or Toxic Substances

- 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?**

In Mexico, among the requirements to file for a special permission regarding any activity with pesticides, insecticides, rodenticides and/or their consumables, a study (performed locally) of the possible/potential risks to the environment and to the biological diversity due to its application, needs to be attached to the petition before the authorities.

- 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. However, there are special rules that apply to this type of products regarding labeling, packaging, identification, and ingredients that can be used for its production.

