



**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, it is required to file for permission and authorization from the local authorities in order to plant, commercialize, import or export products that have been genetically modified or engineered.

- 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, local presence is required. Foreign companies may establish a Branch in Paraguay or may distribute its products through a third company legally established in Paraguay, in any case, it is required to be duly registered.

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

The government authorities involved in such determination are:

Ministry of Agriculture (Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería –MAG)

National Service of Quality and Sanity of Vegetal and Seeds (Servicio Nacional de Calidad y Sanidad Vegetal y de Semillas – SENAVE)

National Institution of Alimentation and Nutrition (Instituto Nacional de Alimentación y Nutrición – INAN)

Secretary of Environment (Secretaria del Medioambiente – SEAM)

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?

Any activity executed in Paraguay, especially those related to GMOs, require environmental permits established by law. Such permits are Environmental Licenses issued by the Secretary of Environment (SEAM) after an EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) has been performed and dully approved.

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?

The Government must authorize for the consumption of GMOs by human beings. The National Institution of Alimentation and Nutrition (INAN) is the authority that establishes the requirements and guides in order to obtain the sanitary registry of products that will be consumed by human beings.

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

Foreign companies may not commercialize, import or export products without being a duly registered company in Paraguay. (Please see answer to question 2.).

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, local presence is required. The company that will import and sell the products must be dully registered at local Public Registries.

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

The governmental authorities involved in such determination are:

Ministry of Agriculture (Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería –MAG)

Secretary of Environment (Secretaria del Medioambiente – SEAM)



- 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 studies and permits are required in order to obtain such authorizations. The Secretary of Environment (SEAM) is responsible of such authorizations.

- 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, a “Certificate of Free Commercialization” is required. Such certificate is issued by the Agrochemical Department from the National Service of Quality and Sanity of Vegetal and Seeds (Servicio Nacional de Calidad y Sanidad Vegetal y de Semillas – SENAVE).

