



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. A law enacted this year states that the introduction, manipulation and use of GMOs must be authorized by the competent Uruguayan 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?**

Yes, local presence needs to be registered even if you are just the distributor of the products.

Regulations: Art 1 del Decreto 149/977

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

The Government Authority involved, which regulates this issue, is the "Gabinete Nacional de Bioseguridad" which is formed by different ministries with the Agriculture Ministry being the one in charge. This body will be the competent to give the authorization needed in order to manage GMOs.

Regulations: Art 2 literal A del Decreto 353/08

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?**

The studies needed in order to obtain the aforementioned authorization are made by the “Evaluación del Riesgo en Bioseguridad”. However, studies carried out in the country of origin of the GMOs, and other relevant information, will be considered by the experts before giving their opinion about the safety of the product.

Regulations: Art 2 literal C del Decreto 353/08, subliteral G (ya que el literal C se divide en varios literales nuevamente)

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?**

Yes, it does. Nevertheless, all GMOs products will have to be labeled in order to alert consumers about the nature of the product regardless of other general regulations about labeling.

Regulations: Art 4 del Decreto 358/08

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

The authorization and registration to sell these products for agriculture use is given by the Agriculture Ministry. The term of the authorization is four years which can be renewed before it terminates. However, the products used for domestic issues are authorized by the Health Ministry.

Regulations: Art 1 del Decreto 149/977 y art 4 del Decreto 380/99 y art 2 Decreto 256/00.

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?**

Local presence is needed to register products used for agriculture, even if you are just the distributor. However the ones used for domestic issues do not need to be registered.

Regulations: Art 8 y siguientes del Decreto 149/977 y Art 1 de la Resolución 24/96 del Grupo Mercado Común aprobada por Decreto 380/99.

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

The competent authority, for the products used for agriculture, is the Agriculture Ministry through the “Dirección de Sanidad Vegetal” (nowadays, “Dirección General de Servicios Agrícolas”) and the “Dirección de Laboratorio de Análisis”. The ones used for domestic issues must be approved by the Health Ministry.

Regulations: Art 18 Decreto 149/977 y art 4 del Decreto 380/99 y art 2 Decreto 256/00

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?

No, the studies, for products used for agriculture, are made by the “Dirección de Laboratorios de Análisis”. It is important to mention that to request or renew the registration, it is also necessary to submit also an official certificate made by the competent public entity from the country where the product is originated in order to ratify the information filed.

Regarding products used for domestic issues the competent authority is the Health Ministry being the studies done in the country of origin of the product are useful but not binding for the local authorities in order to give the authorization.

Regulations: Art 1 Decreto 34/987 y Decreto 180/000

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?

Regarding products used for agriculture, for the imported ones it is required the participation of an agronomic engineer to be duly registered. However, for national products it is also needed the participation of a chemical engineer or chemic-chemistry engineer.

For herbicides used for domestic issues, the professional must be an agronomic or chemical or chemical-pharmaceutical engineer to be duly registered .

Regulations: Art 3 Decreto 149/977 y Decreto 380/99