**agriculture,
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Department:
Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES ON THE GMO STATUS OF CONSIGNMENTS WHICH ARE COMMERCIALLY AVAILABLE IN INTERMS OF GMO ACT OF 1997 IN SOUTH AFRICA (MAIZE, SOYBEAN AND COTTON)

A certificate stating the GM status of a consignment may be issued provided that the applicant submits an application (form obtainable from our website – www.daff.gov.za) accompanied by –

(1) Proof that the consignment has been tested for the presence of or absence of GMOs using the PCR testing method (quantitative testing) and the gene(s) tested for all events approved in South Africa. Test result should indicate a maximum of 1% presence of GMO in order for a GMO status certificate to be issued.

- Testing should be conducted by a registered GMO testing facility in terms of the GMO Act, 1997.

- PCR test results will be considered valid for 6 months from date of testing for a specific silo/batch.

(2) An affidavit stating the following:

- All samples taken are from the consignment in question. Provide details of the consignment.

- All samples taken for testing are representative of the consignment in question. Explain the sampling procedures.

- That the necessary contingency measures will be taken to prevent contamination of the consignment in question after sampling has been conducted and until the consignment has been received by the importing country.

- The test results as provided by a third party is true and has not been tampered with in any way. The test results must be attached.

- The affidavit will be considered valid for three (3) months from the date of issue and must be signed at the police station or by the commissioner of oaths.

(3) A fee (tariffs are subject to change).

- Payments may be done at the department's cash office or may be deposited to the following account number:

Bank:	**Standard Bank**
Account Name:	**Biosafety**
Branch Name:	**Arcadia**
Branch code:	**010845**
Account number:	**011203099**
Type of account:	**Cheque account**

THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES ON THE GMO STATUS OF CONSIGNMENTS NOT IN TERMS OF THE GMO ACT OF 1997

The Director: Genetic Resources may issue a certificate stating the GM status of consignments provided that the applicant submits an application (form obtainable from our website – www.daff.agric.za) accompanied by –

(1) An affidavit from the exporting company stating that the consignment in question is not genetically modified.

(2) A list of the crops in question as stated in the affidavit.

(3) A fee (tariffs are subject to change).

- Payments may be done at the department's cash office or may be deposited to the following account number:

Bank:	**Standard Bank**
Account Name:	**Biosafety**
Branch Name:	**Arcadia**
Branch code:	**010845**
Account number:	**011203099**
Type of account:	**Cheque account**

NB. All permits or letters submitted must be a certified copy of the original documentation

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APPLICATION FOR A NON GMO STATUS CERTIFICATE FOR EXPORT

*Application must be completed and submitted at least _____5 working _____ days prior to the date of export of material:

Registrar: Genetically Modified Organisms Act, 1997 (Act No. 15 of 1997), Private Bag X973, Pretoria 0001 [Fax: 12 319 6298]

* The application must be accompanied by an affidavit and a valid GMO testing report (PCR test) from a registered GMO Testing Facility. (Maize, Cotton and Soybean)

I, the undersigned, hereby apply for a non GMO status certificate to export material outside the Republic, of which the particulars appear below.

Genus and species of the kind of plant	Variety name	Silo identification no. (must correspond to sample ID no. in test report)	Quantity (mass in kg or tons)	Period of export	Country and port of destination	Affidavit (x)	GMO Testing Report (PCR) (x)

I declare that the information provided with regard to the material is correct:

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF MATERIAL: ....

PORT OF EXIT (ONLY ONE PORT ALLOWED): …………………………………………………DATE OF EXPORT: …………….....…………………….

NAME AND ADDRESS OF IMPORTER:..

.... POSTAL CODE:...............................

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EXPORTER:..

.... POSTAL CODE:...............................

TELEPHONE NUMBER:.. FAX NUMBER: ....

CONTACT PERSON (PRINT PLEASE): ………………………………………………E-MAIL: ………………………………………………….................

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:……………………………………………………….DATE:………………………………………………………