

NATIONAL BIOSAFETY BOARD DECISION

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL FOR IMPORT FOR RELEASE OF PRODUCTS OF A2704-12 SOYBEAN FOR SUPPLY OR OFFER TO SUPPLY FOR SALE OR PLACING IN THE MARKET

NBB REF. NO: JBK(S) 602-1/1/7
APPLICANT: BAYER CO. (MALAYSIA) SDN BHD
DATE OF DECISION: 28 MARCH 2012

The National Biosafety Board (NBB) on the 28 March 2012 granted approval with terms and conditions to an application from Bayer Co. (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. for release activities of A2704-12 soybean.

This approval permits the import for release of products of A2704-12 soybean for supply or offer to supply for sale or placing in the market. The product is aimed only for the purpose of food, feed and processing (FFP) and is not to be used as planting material.

The recommendation of the Genetic Modification Advisory Committee (GMAC) to the NBB was for an approval with terms and conditions in accordance with the provisions of subsections 16(3) and 16(4) of the Biosafety Act for the release of A2704-12 soybean. This recommendation was based on GMAC thorough evaluation which determined that the release of this product does not endanger biological diversity or human, animal and plant health. Proper risk management strategies are to be followed as stipulated through the terms and conditions imposed (Appendix 1).

NBB also considered inputs from Ministry of Health, Department of Chemistry, Department of Veterinary Services and Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services when making their decision on the application. Public consultation for this application was done from 19 December 2011 until 18 January 2012. However, no comments from public were received during this consultation period.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

Approval for Import for Release of Products of A2704-12 Soybean for Supply or Offer to Supply for Sale or Placing in the Market

- 1) Any spillage (during storage and loading/unloading activities) shall be collected and cleaned up immediately with strict adherence to the Genetic Modification Advisory Committee (GMAC)-approved Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).
- 2) Transportation of the consignment from the port of entry to any destination within the country shall be in closed containers.
- 3) A post-monitoring plan shall be implemented, whereby the approved person shall submit a yearly report to the National Biosafety Board in compliance with procedures for handling any spillage.
- 4) Should the approved person receive any scientifically proven information that confirms any adverse effect of A2704-12 soybean, the National Biosafety Board authority shall be informed immediately.
- 5) There shall be clear labeling of the product from importation down to all levels of marketing stating that it is only for the purpose of food, feed and processing and is not to be used as planting material.