

NATIONAL BIOSAFETY BOARD DECISION

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL FOR IMPORT FOR RELEASE OF PRODUCTS OF A5547-127 SOYBEAN FOR SUPPLY OR OFFER TO SUPPLY FOR SALE OR PLACING IN THE MARKET

NBB REF. NO: JBK(S) 602-1/1/14
APPLICANT: BAYER CO. (MALAYSIA) SDN BHD
DATE OF DECISION: 11 FEBRUARI 2014

The National Biosafety Board (NBB) on the 11 February 2014 granted approval with terms and conditions to an application from Bayer Co. (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. for release activities of Glufosinate tolerant A5547-127 LibertyLink® Soybean.

This approval permits the import for release of products of A5547-127 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 A5547-127 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 Agriculture, Department of Fisheries, Department of Veterinary Services and Malaysian Quarantine & Inspection Services when making their decision on the application. Public consultation for this application was done from 1 November 2013 until 30 November 2013. A few technical and scientific issues were raised through the Public Consultation for this application regarding the release. These issues have been considered by GMAC in the risk assessment.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

Approval for Import for Release of Products of A5547-127 Soybean for Supply or Offer to Supply for Sale or Placing in the Market

- 1) There shall be clear documentation describing the product by the exporter which shall be declared to the Customs or quarantine and inspection authority of the importing country.
- 2) There shall be clear labeling of the product from importation down to all levels of marketing to state that it is only for the purpose of food, feed and processing and is not to be used as planting material.
- 3) Should the approved person receive any scientifically proven information that confirms any adverse effect of A5547-127 soybean, the National Biosafety Board authority shall be informed immediately.
- 4) Any spillage (during loading/unloading) shall be collected and cleaned up immediately.
- 5) Transportation of the consignment from the port of entry to any destination within the country must be in closed containers.