

NATIONAL BIOSAFETY BOARD DECISION

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL FOR IMPORT FOR RELEASE OF PRODUCTS OF MON88017 CORN FOR SUPPLY OR OFFER TO SUPPLY FOR SALE OR PLACING IN THE MARKET

NBB REF. NO: JBK(S) 602-1/1/19
APPLICANT: MONSANTO MALAYSIA SDN BHD
DATE OF DECISION: 30 APRIL 2015

The National Biosafety Board (NBB) on the 30 April 2015 granted approval with terms and conditions to an application from Monsanto Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. for release activities of Corn Rootworm-Protected and Glyphosate-Tolerant Corn MON88017.

This approval permits the import for release of products of MON88017 corn 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 MON88017 corn. 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 30 September 2014 until 29 October 2014. 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 MON88017 Corn 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 of the importing country.
- 2) Any spillage (during loading/unloading) shall be collected and cleaned up immediately.
- 3) Transportation of the consignment from the port of entry to any destination within the country shall be in closed containers.
- 4) A post monitoring plan for reporting adverse health effects in human and animals shall be implemented.
- 5) Should the approved person receive any scientifically proven information/evidences that confirms any adverse effect of MON88017 corn, the National Biosafety Board authority shall be informed immediately for a review (as in Section 18 of the Biosafety Act).
- 6) 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.