



REPUBLIC OF KENYA



# NATIONAL BIOSAFETY AUTHORITY

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC ON ACTIVITIES INVOLVING GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS (GMOs)

The National Biosafety Authority is a State Corporation established under Section 5 of the Biosafety Act, No. 2 of 2009, to exercise general supervision and control over the transfer, handling and use of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) with a view to ensuring safety of human and animal health and provision of an adequate level of protection of the environment.

The Authority wishes to bring to your attention the provision of Section 18(1) of the Biosafety Act which prohibits any person from conducting any activity involving genetically modified organisms (GMOs) without the written approval of the Authority. These activities include research, placing on the market, import, transit or export of GMOs.

By virtue of the above provision, this notice requires that any person or institution carrying out any of the above activities involving GMOs, including in plants, animals, microorganisms, and research in pharmaceuticals and vaccines should first seek and obtain approval from the Authority; and those with ongoing research to regularize their projects within three (3) months from the date of this notice. Under Section 3 of the Act, finished and approved pharmaceutical products for human use which are or may be products of genetic modification are exempt from this notice.

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