

NATIONAL BIOSAFETY BOARD DECISION

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL FOR IMPORT FOR RELEASE OF PRODUCTS OF MZIR098 CORN FOR SUPPLY OR OFFER TO SUPPLY FOR SALE OR PLACING IN THE MARKET

NBB REF. NO: JBK(S) 602-1/1/42

APPLICANT: SYNGENTA CROP PROTECTION SDN. BHD.

DATE OF DECISION: 22 MAY 2018

The National Biosafety Board (NBB) on the 22 May 2018 granted approval with terms and conditions to an application from Syngenta Crop Protection Sdn. Bhd. for release activities of insect-resistant and herbicide-tolerant MZIR098 corn.

This approval permits the import for release of products of MZIR098 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 MZIR098 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 1 December 2017 to 30 December 2017. 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 MZIR098 corn for Supply or
Offer to Supply for Sale or Placing in the Market

- 1) There shall be clear documentation by the exporter describing the product which shall be declared to the Royal Malaysian Customs.
- 2) There shall be clear labeling of the product from importation 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.
- 3) Should the approved person receive any credible and/or scientifically proven information that indicates any adverse effect of MZIR098 corn, the National Biosafety Board shall be informed immediately (for a review as in Section 18 of the Biosafety Act).
- 4) Any spillage (during loading/unloading/transportation) shall be collected and cleaned up immediately.
- 5) Transportation of the consignment from the port of entry to any destination within the country shall be in secured and closed condition.