

NATIONAL BIOSAFETY BOARD DECISION

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL FOR IMPORT FOR RELEASE OF PRODUCTS OF Y9 POTATO FOR SUPPLY OR OFFER TO SUPPLY FOR SALE OR PLACING IN THE MARKET

NBB REF. NO: JBK(S) 602-1/1/44

APPLICANT: SPS INTERNATIONAL INC. (MALAYSIA BRANCH)

DATE OF DECISION: 14 DECEMBER 2018

The National Biosafety Board (NBB) reviewed an application from SPS International Inc. (Malaysia branch) for release activities of Y9 potato with late blight protection, lower acrylamide potential, reduced black spot and lower reducing sugars on the 14 December 2018. The NBB then proceeded to get some additional information from a few relevant Government agencies and subsequently granted an approval with terms and conditions to this application.

This approval permits the import for release of products of Y9 potato 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 Y9 potato. 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 Department of Chemistry and Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Health, Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services and Department of Veterinary Services when making their decision on the application. Public consultation for this application was done from 25 May 2018 to 24 June 2018. There were no comments received via the public consultation.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

Approval for Import for Release of Products of Y9 potato 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 Y9 potato, 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 shall be in secured and closed containers.