

**DECISION TAKEN PRIOR TO ENFORCEMENT OF
BIOSAFETY ACT 2007**

**APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL FOR IMPORT FOR RELEASE OF
PRODUCTS OF MON 603 MAIZE (NK603) FOR SUPPLY OR OFFER
TO SUPPLY FOR SALE OR PLACING IN THE MARKET**

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

APPLICANT: MONSANTO

**DECISION ACKNOWLEDGED BY NATIONAL BIOSAFETY BOARD:
25 MAY 2010**

Description:

Maize tolerant to the herbicide glyphosate was produced through the introduction of a gene encoding CP4 5-enolpyruvyl shikimate-3-phosphate synthase (EPSPS), an enzyme involved in the shikimic biochemical pathway for the production of the aromatic amino acids.

Safety Assessment:

NK603 was compared to its conventional counterpart by analysing key nutrients and substantial equivalence was found. This was confirmed by evaluation of the feed performance in broiler chickens and a rat feeding study.

This corn variety is being imported into the country for the food, feed and processing industry and shall not be used for intentional introduction into the environment.