

Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH)

COUNTRY'S DECISION OR ANY OTHER COMMUNICATION (DEC)

BCH-DEC-ZA-262456-1

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Amendment

Is this an amendment to a decision or communication already published on the BCH?

No

General Information

Country

South Africa

Competent National Authority(ies) responsible for the decision or communication

- COMPETENT NATIONAL AUTHORITY: | BCH-CNA-ZA-115730-1

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Title / Reference number of the decision or communication

Conditional commodity clearance of soybean event HB4

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Date of the decision

22 Sep 2022

Is the decision taken prior to entry into force of the Protocol?

No

Subject of the decision, notification, communication or declaration

Decision on LMOs for direct use as food or feed, or for processing (Article 11, LMOs-FFP)
Decision on import of LMOs (Article 11.4)

LMOs for direct use as food or feed, or for processing (LMOs-FFP)

Use(s) of LMO

LMOs for direct use as food
LMOs for direct use as feed
LMOs for processing

Has the decision been taken in the absence of a domestic regulatory framework and in accordance with Article 11.6?

No

Importer's/Applicant's contact details

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Result of the decision

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Approval of the import and/or use of the LMO(s) with conditions

Conditions

Import permit is still required for transboundary movement of this event. The procedure to follow is to complete the application form for importation of a GMO that has obtained general release or commodity clearance under the GMO Act. The applicant still needs to comply with any other relevant legislation in South Africa, with particular reference to phytosanitary requirements. The application form for importation of a GMO that has general release or commodity clearance status in SA is available on the website of the Department of Agriculture at <http://www.dalrrd.gov.za/daffweb3/Branches/Agricultural-Production-Health-Food-Safety/Genetic-Resources/Biosafety/Services/Word-Application-Forms>

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Reasons

HB4 obtained commodity clearance under the Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO) Act, 1997 (Act No. 15 of 1997)

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LMO identification & risk assessment

LMO identification

[BCH-LMO-SCBD-112020-2](#) LIVING MODIFIED ORGANISM | IND-00410-5 - VERDECA HB4 SOYBEAN |
Verdeca | Selectable marker genes and reporter genes, Tolerance to abiotic stress (Drought, Salinity)

Document on the decision, communication, notification or declaration

<https://www.dalrrd.gov.za> [English]

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Further Information

Questions about the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety or the operation of the Biosafety Clearing-House may be directed to the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

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