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GUIDELINE ON IMPORT AND EXPORT PERMIT REQUIREMENT FOR AGRICULTURAL REMEDIES

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GENERAL

Agricultural remedies means any chemical substance including an adjuvant or biological remedy, or any mixture or combination of any substance or remedy intended or offered to be used for the destruction, control, repelling, attraction or prevention of any undesired microbe, alga, nematode, fungus, insect, plant, vertebrate, invertebrate, or any product thereof, but excluding any chemical substance, biological remedy or other remedy in so far as it is controlled under the Medicines and Related Substances Control Act, 1965 (Act 101 of 1965), or the Hazardous Substances Act, 1973 (Act 15 of 1973); or as plant growth regulator, defoliant, desiccant or legume inoculant, and anything else which the Minister has by notice in the *Gazette* declared an agricultural remedy for the purposes of Act 36 of 1947.

PROCEDURES FOR IMPORTATION

Agricultural remedy may only be imported once it is registered for use in the country either in terms of the Fertilizers, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act (Act 36 of 1947) or the Medicines and Related Substances Control Act, 1965 (Act 101 of 1965).

In terms of the provisions of section 16 (2) of the Fertilizer, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act No. 36 of 1947 unregistered agricultural remedies may be imported granted permission following the requirement below:

1. Import permit required for experimental purpose

- A covering letter explaining the purpose of the application.
- The description of the agricultural remedy. This should include the active ingredient content and type of formulation, the registration status of the agricultural remedy in South Africa and the intended use of it.
- Proof of payment of the prescribed application fee.
- The quantity of the agricultural remedy imported.
- A copy of the English product label from the country of origin if the product is registered or approved in the country of origin.
- The port of entry.
- Country of origin.
- A Safety Data Sheet for the formulated product, including the contact details of the company responsible for the product in South Africa.
- Trial protocol indicating the number of treatments, rates to be used, localities where the trials will be conducted, targeted crop and targeted pests/diseases etc.
- In a case of where the consignment contains living microorganisms, a Permit from Directorate Plant Health, DAFF will be required.

- For active ingredients listed on the UN Conventions such as Rotterdam, Stockholm, Montreal Protocol, SAICM, Minamata, etc. The requirements as prescribed by the Department of Environmental Affairs must be met.

2. Import permit for analytical standards for residues testing or for technical material for 5-batch analytical studies

- A covering letter explaining the purpose of the application.
- The description of the agricultural remedy. This should include the active ingredient content and type of formulation, the registration status of the agricultural remedy in South Africa and the intended use of it.
- Proof of payment of the prescribed application fee.
- The quantity of the agricultural remedy imported.
- The port of entry.
- Country of origin.
- A Safety Data Sheet for the formulated product, including the contact details of the company responsible for the product in South Africa.
- Letter from the laboratory conducting the studies.
- For active ingredients listed on the UN Conventions such as Rotterdam, Stockholm, Montreal Protocol, SAICM, Minamata, etc. The requirements as prescribed by the Department of Environmental Affairs must be met.

3. Import to Export permit (formulation or relabelling for other countries other than South Africa)

- A covering letter explaining the purpose of the application.
- The description of the agricultural remedy. This should include the active ingredient content and type of formulation, the registration status of the agricultural remedy in South Africa.
- Proof of payment of the prescribed application fee.
- The quantity of the agricultural remedy imported.
- The port of entry and exit.
- Country of origin.
- A Safety Data Sheet for the formulated product, including the contact details of the company responsible for the product in South Africa.
- If the consignment is to be exported, attach documentation e.g. a certified copy of the registration certificate of the product in the destination country or the authorization letter or an import permit in the destination country.
- For active ingredients listed on the UN Conventions such as Rotterdam, Stockholm, Montreal Protocol, SAICM, Minamata, etc. The requirements as prescribed by the Department of Environmental Affairs must be met.

4. Import permit for products that fall within the definition of an agricultural remedy e.g. biocides, but the end use pattern is to manufacture a non-agricultural remedy product.

- A covering letter explaining the purpose of the application.
- An affidavit declaring that the end use product will not fall within the definition of an agricultural remedies definition.
- A letter of support by an industry association where applicable.
- The description of the agricultural remedy. This should include the active ingredient content and type of formulation, the registration status of the agricultural remedy in South Africa and the intended use of it.
- Proof of payment of the prescribed application fee.
- The quantity of the agricultural remedy imported.
- The agricultural remedy used (active ingredient).
- The port of entry.
- Country of origin.
- A Safety Data Sheet for the formulated product, including the contact details of the company responsible for the product in South Africa.
- If the consignment is to be exported, attach documentation e.g. a certified copy of the registration certificate of the product in the destination country or the authorization letter or an import permit in the destination country.
- For active ingredients listed on the UN Conventions such as Rotterdam, Stockholm, Montreal Protocol, SAICM, Minamata, etc. The requirements as prescribed by the Department of Environmental Affairs must be met.

5. For the requirements for toll formulation and free sale certificate please find please the link below

<http://www.daff.gov.za/daffweb3/Branches/Agricultural-Production-Health-Food-Safety/Agriculture-Inputs-Control/Guidelines>

6. Import permit for seed treated with an agricultural remedy.

- A covering letter explaining the purpose of the application.
- Proof of payment of the prescribed application fee.
- The quantity of seed treated with an agricultural remedy.
- The agricultural remedy used (active ingredient), this must include the list of the fumigants used for phytosanitary purposes at the country of origin.
- Confirmation of the registration status of the agricultural remedy used in South Africa on the commodity treated.
- The port of entry and or exit.
- Country of origin.
- A Safety Data Sheet for the formulated product, including the contact details of the company responsible for the product in South Africa.

- If the consignment is to be exported, attach documentation e.g. a certified copy of the registration certificate of the product in the destination country or the authorization letter or an import permit in the destination country.
- For active ingredients listed on the UN Conventions such as Rotterdam, Stockholm, Montreal Protocol, SAICM, Minamata, etc. The requirements as prescribed by the Department of Environmental Affairs must be met.