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NBA GRANTS COLD CHAIN AND ABDIMS PERMITS TO IMPORT PRODUCTS WHICH MAY CONTAIN GMOs

CHILANGA, ZAMBIA-THE National Biosafety Authority (NBA) has granted Cold Chain Zambia Limited and ABDIMS Sales and Distribution Limited permits to import products which may contain genetically modified organisms (GMOs).

The Permits are valid for five years. However, the companies will have to renew their permits for placing the products on the market every six months to ensure compliance.

Cold Chain will import and place on the market Frimax Potato Crisps, Frimax Corn Crisps, Tait's Crisps and Bokomo cereals while ABDIMS will import Hungry Lion Chip Spices.

The decision to grant the two companies permits was arrived at during the 31st NBA Ordinary Board meeting held on 27th May, 2025 in Chilanga.

"The Scientific Advisory Committee of the NBA, following risk assessment evaluations, recommended to the Board that the two companies be granted permits after finding that the processed products they intended to import are safe for humans, animals and the environment."

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About NBA

NBA is a statutory body under the Ministry of Green Economy and Environment. It was established under the Biosafety Act No. 10 of 2007. Through the Act the NBA regulates the research, development, application, importation, export, transit, contained use, release or placing on the market of any GMO/LMO whether intended for use as a pharmaceutical, food,

feed or processing, or a product of a GMO also to ensure that any activity involving the use or a product of GMO prevents any socio-economic impact or harm to human, animal health and the environment in the country.

Some of the functions of the NBA include processing notifications and applications of GMOs or products of GMOs into the country, in accordance with the requirements of the Biosafety Act, promoting public awareness and education concerning the activities regulated under the Act such as risk assessment, risk management and authorization processes; keeping any GMO or any product of a genetically modified organism under review and to ban its handling or release in Zambia. NBA furthermore, establishes and maintains a database of GMOs and their products as well as making available such information to the public.

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