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National Biotechnology Authority (Agricultural Biotechnology Products) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026 (No. 1)

IT is hereby notified that the Minister of Higher and Tertiary Education, Innovation, Science and Technology Development has, in terms of section 59 of the National Biotechnology Authority Act [*Chapter 14:31*], made the following regulations:—

1. These regulations may be cited as the National Biotechnology Authority (Agricultural Biotechnology Products) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026 (No. 1).

2. The National Biotechnology Authority (Agricultural Biotechnology Products) (Amendment) Regulations, published in Statutory Instrument 160 of 2018 (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations), are amended in section 10 by—

(a) the deletion of words "and shall be accompanied by an application fee as prescribed in the First Schedule" in subsection (2) after the words Form ABP3.

(b) the repeal of subsection (3) (a) and (b) and substitution of the following—

"(a) specify type and quantity of product to be imported;

(b) specify country of origin and port through which the consignment is to enter Zimbabwe".

3. Section 13 of the principal regulations is amended by the insertion of a new subsection after subsection (2) as follows—

"(3) Any person who intends to export biofertilisers, biopesticides, or biostimulants in terms of subsection (2) shall apply to the Authority for the issuance of a biosafety export permit, a GMO Certificate, or a GMO Declaration, as may be required by the importing country as a condition of entry".

4. The First Schedule of the principal regulations is repealed and substituted by the following—

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FIRST SCHEDULE

FEES

Section	Description	Form	Fees SUS
7(2)	Application for registration	ABP1	250
10(2)	Additional cost for emergency permits		20
	Amendment of permit		10
	Inspection fee per truck		20
13(1)	Application for biosafety export permit: GMO declaration certificate	ABP7	50
13(2)	GMO Testing fee per sample		250
16(2)	Application for biosafety transit permit	ABP11	10
19(2)	Application for a trial release permit	ABP14	650
23(2)	Commercial release application		
	Inspection: Human Expertise fee per inspector per day		50
	Transport: Clients shall meet transport costs which shall be charged using the prevailing Automobile Association of Zimbabwe rates		

NB: The above penalties and fees can be paid at the Prevailing Interbank Rate

Key:

1 m^3 = 1 000 litres

1 MT = 1 000 kg

Assumptions:

1 kg = 1 litre

1 MT = 1 m^3 = 1 000 kg = 1 000 litres

(a) Sample collection fees exclude accommodation and meals. In the case that the inspectors may need to sleep for any number of days, the cost will be borne by the client.

(b) The number of inspections will be agreed depending on duration of trial release and the nature of the product.

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