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§ 1. Organisation of training on handling genetically modified crops

(1) The training institution shall organise training in the handling of genetically modified crops (hereinafter *training*) in accordance with the requirements of the Adult Education Act and its regulation.

(2) Before organising the training, the training institution shall prepare a detailed list of topics to be covered under the training programme, together with a list of lecturers who will present the topics, and submit it to the Agricultural and Food Board for its opinion.
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(3) The training institution shall notify the Agricultural and Food Board in writing of the time of the training before organising it.
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(4) The Agricultural and Food Board shall publish information on its website regarding the time of the training.
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§ 2. Training program

(1) The duration of the training is at least eight credit hours.

(2) The training program includes the following topics:

- 1) an overview of the biology of genetically modified crops;
- 2) the spread of genetically modified crops in Estonia, the European Union and elsewhere in the world;
- 3) the procedure for obtaining a marketing permit for the cultivation of a new genetically modified crop or a new line of genetically modified crops;
- 4) an overview of genetically modified crops permitted for cultivation and marketing;
- 5) control of the content of genetically modified crops in the yield of non-genetically modified crops;
- 6) the limit of the content of genetically modified crops in the yield of non-genetically modified crops and control of its content;
- 7) an overview of legislation related to genetically modified organisms;
- 8) requirements for starting the handling of genetically modified crops;
- 9) the spread of genetically modified crops and measures to limit the spread of genetically modified crops;
- 10) requirements for the cultivation of genetically modified crops;
- 11) requirements for the cultivation distance of genetically modified crops, including the conclusion of an agreement to deviate from the cultivation distance requirement;
- 12) requirements for cleaning equipment used in the handling of genetically modified crops;
- 13) requirements for the transport and storage of genetically modified crops;
- 14) notification of the holder of the field and the owner of the beekeeping farm within the cultivation distance;
- 15) liability of the handler of genetically modified crops;
- 16) potential risks and benefits associated with the handling of genetically modified crops;
- 17) requirements for the labelling of genetically modified crops for marketing purposes.

§ 3. Requirements for obtaining a certificate of training in handling genetically modified crops

To obtain a certificate of training in handling genetically modified crops (hereinafter referred to as *the certificate*), the person responsible for handling genetically modified crops or an employee of a company handling genetically modified crops must participate in training in handling genetically modified crops.

§ 4. Procedure for issuing a certificate

(1) The training institution shall issue a certificate of completion of the training to the person who has completed the training on site or by post no later than five working days after the end of the training.

(2) The following information shall be indicated on the certificate:

- 1) the name and personal identification code of the person who has completed the training;

- 2) the name of the training institution;
- 3) the certificate number and date of issue;
- 4) the validity period of the certificate.

§ 5. Organization of further training

(1) The Agricultural and Food Board shall, if necessary, organise, at least once every five years, further training for a person who holds a valid certificate certifying completion of training in handling genetically modified crops.

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(2) The in-service training shall cover at least the following topics:

- 1) new developments in the handling of genetically modified crops;
- 2) new genetically modified crops that have received marketing authorisation for cultivation in the European Union;
- 3) new information that has emerged regarding the genetically modified crop being handled;
- 4) violations and problems identified during the supervision of the handling of genetically modified crops in relation to compliance with the requirements for the handling of genetically modified crops.

(3) If the training is completed, the training institution shall indicate the date of completion of the training on genetically modified crops on the certificate certifying completion of the training.