



## **NATIONAL BIOSAFETY AUTHORITY**

### **NOTICE OF APPROVAL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RELEASE AND PLACING ON THE MARKET OF INSECT PROTECTED MON 15985 BT COTTON AND ITS VARIETAL DERIVATIVES IN KENYA**

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PURSUANT to Section 54 (2) of the Biosafety Act, No.2 of 2009, notice is given that the National Biosafety Authority (NBA) has approved the application by Monsanto Kenya Ltd for the environmental release and placing on the market of insect protected MON 15985 Bt cotton and its varietal derivatives in Kenya.

**APPROVAL NO : NBA/GMO/C09/19/02(A)**

**DATE OF APPROVAL : 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020**

In accordance with Regulation 9 of the Biosafety (Environmental Release) Regulations, the National Biosafety Authority has approved the Application by Monsanto Kenya Ltd for environmental release and placement into the market of MON 15985 event and its varietal derivatives in Kenya for purposes of cultivation, food, feed and processing (FFP), import, export and transit.

The approval is subject to the applicant meeting the following permit conditions:

1. This approval is valid for ten (10) years from the date of authorization;
2. Ensure strict compliance with provisions of Biosafety Act and Regulations;
3. Ensure strict compliance with other existing National and County laws relevant to this approval;
4. Ensure proper labeling of *Bt* cotton seeds and/or derived products in line with the Biosafety (Labeling) Regulations and any other guidelines that may be provided by the Authority from time to time; and
5. Provide annual reports for general surveillance and case specific monitoring of *Bt* cotton varieties to the authority.