



**THE SCHEDULE TO THE APPROVAL FOR MULTI-LOCATION TRIALS OF
GENETICALLY MODIFIED COTTON (GM. COTTON)**

APPLICATION NO: 2014-069-SARI-003-F

Terms and Conditions for the Import of Genetically Modified Cotton in Ghana.

1. Approval

1.1 Pursuant to Section 40 sub-section (20) of the Biosafety Act, 2011 (Act 831), and on the basis of the application number: 2014-069-SARI-003-F, this approval is issued authorizing the Savannah Agricultural Research Institute to undertake Multi-Location Trials of stacked gene GM Cotton at the approved sites, subject to the following terms and conditions.

1.2 No GM Cotton material with a novel trait resulting from genetic modification can be released into the environment in Ghana without explicit authorization by the Chairman of the National Biosafety Committee. **Failure to comply with conditions of an authorized release is a contravention of the Ghana Biosafety Act, 2011 which attracts punitive action.**

2.0 Packaging

2.1 All genetically modified cotton planting material including seeds intended for transportation must be packaged in at least two secure containers (bags) to prevent spillage, dissemination or infestation.

2.2 These packages must be clearly labelled with the inscription “Regulated GM material,

dated and the name and contact details of the person responsible for the confined field trial” and the name and contact details for the person responsible for confinement of the material.

3.0 Transportation

3.1 The transportation of genetically modified cotton planting material must be done through the most direct route including air transport if necessary.

3.2 Records of the dispatch and receipt of genetically modified cotton planting material must be kept.

4.0 Importation of Seed

4.1 Prior to importation of the GMO seed:

- a. An import permit shall be obtained from the NBC.
- b. The applicant shall apply for phytosanitary import permit from the Plant Protection and Regulatory Services Division (PPRSD). The NBC import permit shall be attached to the application.
- c. PPRSD would then grant permit as per their regulations

5.0 Labeling

5.1 Containers for packaging shall be well labeled specifying the following;

- a. Consignee/Principal Investigator /Institution
- b. Origin of the GM material
- c. Identification of Content (Common Name, unique identifier, Net Weight, Crop Variety)

6.0 Records

Records of storage shall follow Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). An inventory shall also be put in place.

6.1 Record keeping

6.1.1 The following shall be properly documented:

- a. Information on the package as captured on the label.
- b. Report of inspection at port of entry

7.0 Importation

- 7.1 All consignments coming into the country shall:
- a. Be received at the Kotoka International Airport.
 - b. Comply with relevant regulations for import of GMOs as specified by NBC/PPRSD.

8.0 Storage

- 8.1 Secured facility with appropriate storage conditions shall be available at the Institute to keep the consignment secured in a properly labeled place.

9.0 Separation

- 9.1 The GM and the conventional seeds shall be kept at separate places.

10.0 Re-importation into Ghana

- 10.1 Authorization letter from NBC shall indicate the following:

Acquire

- a. Import Permit and phytosanitary Certificate
- b. Establish Advanced Informed Agreement (AIA)

- 11.0 The NBC shall revoke the permit and cause the termination of the trial for non-adherence to permit conditions.**