

IMPORT OF PLANTS OR PROPAGATING MATERIAL

CHECKLIST FOR CLIENTS TO ENSURE THAT ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTATION HAS BEEN OBTAINED BEFORE THE INTENDED IMPORTED MATERIAL ARRIVES IN SOUTH AFRICA

Each client has the responsibility to ensure that he/she is in possession of all relevant documentation and is advised to visit the respective websites of the relevant directorates to ensure that the latest forms are used and requirements are met, or alternatively to contact the relevant officials.

| | Type of permit/authorisation | Permit required | | Permit obtained | |
|---|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----|-----------------|----|
| | | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| 1 | GMO permit | | | | |
| 2 | Plant Breeders' Rights permission (if importer is not owner/agent) | | | | |
| 3 | Plant Improvement Authorisation (for unlisted varieties) | | | | |
| 4 | Agricultural Pests Act Permit | | | | |

The following legislation and directorates are involved when plants, plant material and/or plant propagating material is to be imported:

1. Genetically Modified Organisms Act, 1997 (Act No. 15 of 1997): Directorate Genetic Resources

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Please note the respective time-lines applicable to the type of application.

| Application | No. of days |
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| 1. Importation and exportation of genetically modified organisms with general release / commodity clearance appearance | 30 |
| 2. Contained use of genetically modified organisms and/or import or export permit * | 120 |
| 3. Trial release of genetically modified organisms and/or import or export permit | 120 |
| 4. General release of genetically modified organisms | 270 |
| 5. Extension permit | 90 |
| 6. Use of genetically modified organisms with commodity clearance approval | 30 |
| 7. Registration of facilities | 60 |
| 8. Commodity clearance of genetically modified organisms | 270 |

2. Plant Breeders' Rights Act, 1976 (Act No. 15 of 1976): Directorate Genetic Resources

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3. Plant Improvement Act, 1976 (Act No. 53 of 1976): Directorate Plant Production
Guidance information: guidelines to import unlisted varieties and national varietal list

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Timeline for authorisation: 5 days

4. Agricultural Pests Act, 1983 (Act No. 36 of 1983): Directorate Plant Health

Stellenbosch:

**Stone fruit (peach, plum, apricot, almond, cherry, nectarine), other *Prunus* spp.,
Pome fruit (apple, pear, quince), grapevine, olive, hops, kiwifruit, strawberry, raspberry,
Ribes spp (currants, etc.), *Vaccinium* (blueberry), fig, *Morus*, persimmon, walnut, Pistachia
nut and hazelnut, *Protea*, *Leucadendron*, *Leucospermum*, *Adenanthos*, *Brunia*.**

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Timeline for permit: 3 days

Pretoria:

all other crops

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Timeline for permit: 30 days
