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genetically modified commodities not  
approved for general release**

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**Table of changes**

<b>Change No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Scope</b>
Amdt 1	2016	Amended to delete the clause on national legislation and update the foreword accordingly, to move a reference to a regulating authority to the foreword, and to include a note to clause 4 on the import, use and distribution of genetically modified organisms and update the foreword accordingly.

**Foreword**

This South African standard was approved by National Committee SABS/TC 1088, *Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO)*, in accordance with procedures of the SABS Standards Division, in compliance with annex 3 of the WTO/TBT agreement.

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This document supersedes SANS 910:2011 (edition 1).

A vertical line in the margin shows where the text has been technically modified by amendment No. 1.

Reference is made in 2.6 to a person appointed in terms of the "relevant national legislation" In South Africa this means Section 8 of the Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO) Act, 1997 (Act No. 15 of 1997).

| Paragraph deleted by amendment No. 1.

| Reference is made in 2.7 to the "relevant regulating authority". In South Africa this means the Registrar of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs). **Amdt 1**

| Reference is made in the note to clause 4 to the "relevant national legislation". In South Africa this means the Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO) Act, 1997 (Act No. 15 of 1997), the Agricultural Pests Act, 1983 (Act No. 36 of 1983), the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 1972 (Act No. 54 of 1972), and the National Health Act, 2003 (Act No. 61 of 2003). **Amdt 1**

**Compliance with this document cannot confer immunity from legal obligations.**

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## **Requirements for the receiving, handling, transportation and storage of imported genetically modified commodities not approved for general release**

### **1 Scope**

**1.1** This standard specifies requirements for the receiving, handling, transportation and storage of imported genetically modified commodities not approved for general release. It refers to commodities received that are used as food or feed, or for processing purposes, but not for planting or growing. It also excludes commodities that are used for approved research and commercial purposes. The commodities referred to are those not approved for general release, but only for commodity clearance.

**1.2** Compliance with this standard does not exempt the permit holder from conforming to the normal Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) agreements.

### **2 Definitions**

For the purposes of this document, the following definitions shall apply.

#### **2.1**

##### **commingling**

unintentional and incidental mixing of one type of commodity with another where the identity is not preserved

#### **2.2**

##### **commodity**

raw material or primary agricultural product that can be traded (e.g. maize, wheat or soya)

#### **2.3**

##### **discharge**

moving of commodities from a mode of transport or from a storage facility

#### **2.4**

##### **general release**

introduction of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) into the environment by unrestricted means, where the organisms are no longer contained by any system of barriers