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BIOSAFETY GUIDELINES FOR HANDLING REQUESTS FOR THE USE OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS (GMO) IN GHANA

We have the pleasure to announce that, while waiting for the implementing Regulations to the Act 831 to be passed, the Ghana National Biosafety Authority has issued Guidelines on handling requests for the use of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) in Ghana. This is in accordance with Section 40(3) of the Biosafety Act, which mandates the Authority to issue guidelines on its operations. Meanwhile, the NBA is making efforts to get the implementing Regulations passed by Parliament.

The NBA is further putting in place measures to build the capacity needed to assess and make decisions on applications regarding general release of GMOs. We therefore wish to seize the opportunity to invite all partners to support the Authority to put in place this needed capacity.

We thank all partners who contributed to the development of these guidelines and hope to have a stronger collaboration with them.

Thank you.

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