

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE



**TANZANIA PLANT HEALTH AND PESTICIDES
AUTHORITY (TPHPA)**



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PUBLIC NOTICE

**TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF MAIZE SEEDS FROM MALAWI
TO TANZANIA**

Tanzania Plant Health and Pesticide Authority (TPHPA) is the National Plant Protection Organization of the United Republic of Tanzania established under the Ministry of Agriculture by the Plant Health Act No.4 of 2020. TPHPA is responsible for the control of pesticides, phytosanitary measures, importation and use of plants and plant products, prevention of introduction and spread of pests.

Through the ongoing Pest Risk Analysis which includes the assessment of risks associated with the introduction of Genetically Modified maize seeds, Tanzania has decided to institute a temporary ban on the importation of all maize seeds from Malawi including that on transit until the clarity of the risk is established and ascertained.

The status of GMO in Tanzania is at the stage of an interim bio-safety regulation that allows only small-scale confined GMO trials which do not extend to small- or large-scale production for commercial purposes. All maize seed imports should not contain or consist of GMOs.

The restriction will include immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Phytosanitary import clearance to the above stated commodity.

Thank you for your attention.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Ndunguru'.

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