

HEMP PERMIT: CONDITIONS FOR IMPORT OF HEMP PROPAGATING MATERIAL (LOW THC CANNABIS)

1. The permit holder is responsible for supervision and monitoring of the activities conducted under this permit.
2. The holder of a hemp permit for import, must be in possession of an authorisation to import hemp propagating material as well as an import permit for controlled goods for all imported consignments for cultivation purposes.
3. A copy of the valid Hemp Permit for import must be submitted with all applications to import hemp propagating material and must accompany all consignments.
4. The importer must only import germplasm or varieties of which the THC is not more than 0.2% in the plants from which the propagating material was obtained and a copy of the analytical report must accompany the application for import and consignment.
5. Note that the analytical report must have been issued by a competent accredited or registered laboratory and a copy of the registration certificate of such laboratory must accompany the analytical report.
6. Proof of variety registration or filing of an application for such registration and/or certification of the material in question in terms of a recognized certification scheme or confirmation of source must be provided by the supplier of the propagating material.
7. In the case of import of germplasm or material for breeding and/or research

purposes, a copy of the material transfer agreement (MTA) from the owner of the material must be supplied.

8. In the event where the imported propagating material must be transported, the following must accompany the consignment:
 - a. Transport declaration
 - b. Copy of hemp permit of the permit holder
 - c. Variety details (variety denomination, amount of seed/plants)
 - d. Copy of analytical report relating to the consignment
 - e. A copy of the import authorisation relating to the consignment.
 9. If the importer intends to sell hemp propagating material, his/her hemp permit must provide for the activity of sale and he/she must be in possession of a valid premises registration certificate.
 10. Detail records must be kept (logbook) of all activities relating to import of hemp, including all inspections conducted. The records/logbook must be available for inspection by the authorized inspector.
 11. Authorised inspectors must be allowed access to conduct inspection of the premises and facilities or any activity relating to hemp.
 12. The permit holder must submit an annual report on the activities conducted under his/her permit to the Registrar by 30 June every year. The report must also contain information on what was done with all the imported seed as well as reference to the import authorisations.
 13. Non-compliance with any of the permit conditions may lead to actions taken against the holder of the permit in terms of section 35 of the PIA.
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