



## GUIDELINES FOR THE IMPORT OF CANNABIS SATIVA L. (HEMP) PROPAGATING MATERIAL WITH A TRANSDelta-9- Tetrahydrocannabinol Content $\leq$ 2%

IN TERMS OF THE PLANT IMPROVEMENT ACT, 2018 (ACT NO. 11 OF 2018)

1. For importation of hemp propagating material, the importer must obtain (i) an import authorisation letter issued by the Registrar: Plant Improvement Act to import hemp propagating material and (ii) an import permit for controlled goods for all imported consignments for cultivation purposes.
2. An application form for import of hemp (**HP-Form-003 Application Form for Import of Hemp Varieties**) must be completed and submitted together with proof of payment of the tariff to [PIPP@nda.gov.za](mailto:PIPP@nda.gov.za) for processing.
3. A copy of the valid Hemp Cultivation/Research Permit must be submitted with all applications to import hemp propagating material.
4. The importer may only apply for authorisation to import germplasm or varieties with a transdelta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) content that is not more than 2% in the plants from which the propagating material was obtained.
5. A copy of an analytical report must accompany the application for import as well as the consignment when it enters the country. Note that the analytical report must have been issued by a competent accredited or registered laboratory.
6. In the event that the imported propagating material must be transported, the following must accompany the consignment:
  - a. copy of the import authorisation relating to the specific consignment
  - b. copy of hemp cultivation/research permit of the permit holder
  - c. packing list or invoice detailing variety denomination and quantities of seed/plants
7. If the importer intends to sell hemp propagating material, he/she must register the variety on the National Varietal List of Seed Crops and be registered as a seed seller in terms of PIA, 2018 business registrations.





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8. Detailed records must be kept of all activities conducted with imported hemp material, and records must be available for inspection by the authorized inspectors and the Registrar: Plant Improvement Act upon request.
9. Authorised inspectors will inspect all consignments for compliance at the ports of entry into the Republic. Any consignment deemed to be non-compliant may be subject to destruction.

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