

## As Africa embraces biotech, one of continent's major grocery chains begins to import GMOs

The National Biosafety Authority (NBA) has granted chain store Choppies Superstores a permit to import products that may contain Genetically Modified Organisms after the chain store made an application for the importation of products that are made from or may contain GMOS in May [2018]

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In April this year, the NBA...pounced on [two] unsuspecting choppies superstores confiscating food products...which were brought in the country and placed on the market without obtaining approval from the authority.

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The NBA Board, during their last meeting held on Friday July 6, 2018, approved the application for a permit to import products that may contain GMOS by choppies superstores following a recommendation from the Scientific Advisory Committee –SAC-.

The SAC, after conducting a risk assessment, found that the products that choppies superstores sought to import did not contain toxins and allergens that might cause harm to the humans, animals and the environment.

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Meanwhile, the NBA has issued 23 permits since 2015 to various companies for the importation and or placing on the market of products that may contain GMOS.

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