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## **Introduction of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO)**

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A complete Environmental Permit application will include:

- **Completed Permit Application Form** (*4 copies*)
  - **Tax Registration Number (TRN)** (*for company or individual making application*)
  - **Company Documents** (*Articles of Incorporation and names of Directors & Company Secretary*)
  - **Copy of ID for person making the application** (*Driver's Licence, National ID or Passport*)
  - **Location Map** (*Google Image with coordinates and landmarks where possible*) (*4 copies*)
  - **Application Fee of \$50,000.00**
  
  - **Project Brief** detailing the following (*4 copies*)
    - Detailed project overview including reason for the introduction of each organism
    - Details on the place of origin/source of each organism
    - Description of the Genetically Modified Organisms to be imported including:
      - a. Scientific and common name of each species
      - b. Number of each species
      - c. Sex of each individual
    - Details of each organism's reproductive capacity (neutered or not, etc.)
    - Details of where and how each species will be housed
    - Details of how each species will be transported to and in Jamaica
    - Information on how each species will be cared for and managed
    - Description of the existing location/environment where the organisms will be housed, including details of any features, structures or facilities present
    - Details of any works to be undertaken to facilitate the housing of the organisms
    - Description of and method of treatment and/or disposal of any waste to be generated by the organisms
    - An assessment of the potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures, with special emphasis on accidental release
  
  - **Plans/Drawings** (must be drawn to scale) (*4 copies*)
    - Detailed Site Layout Plan (*including location of all open spaces, buildings and associated infrastructure*)
- Informative - Architectural drawings must be certified by a locally registered architect, engineering drawings by a locally registered professional engineer, and subdivision plans by a Commissioned Land Surveyor.*
- **Proof of Ownership**
    - Copy of title(s) or,
    - A probated will or,
    - Lease agreement along with a copy of the title and a consent letter

***Informative***

- *If the applicant is not the owner, a letter of authorization from the title holder(s) witnessed by a Justice of the Peace, giving the applicant permission to use the land for the proposed activity, must be submitted along with a copy of the title and a copy of an ID for both parties*
- *If the registered title is held jointly, all parties must be reflected as applicants **or** there should be a letter or authorization from the other title holder(s) giving the applicant permission to use the land for the proposed activity. The letter or authorization must be witnessed by a Justice of the Peace and be presented along with a copy of an ID for all parties*
- *Anyone applying for a Permit and Licence on behalf of someone else, must submit a letter authorizing them to apply for the Permit/Licence. The letter must also state the extent of their authority in relation to the application and in whose name the Permit/Licence should be issued. The letter must be signed by all the relevant parties who they represent, witnessed by a Justice of the Peace, and presented along with a copy of the Identification for all parties e.g. current Driver's Licence, National ID or Passport.*

Please be advised that the Permit **MUST** be collected within **THREE (3) MONTHS** of the date of the approval by the Authority. Failure to do so will result in the approval being withdrawn and reapplication for the Environmental Permit being required.