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GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS ACT, 1997 (ACT NO. 15 OF 1997)**REGULATIONS MADE IN TERMS OF SECTION 20 OF THE GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS ACT, 1997: AMENDMENT**

The Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, in terms of section 20 of the Genetically Modified Organisms Act, 1997, hereby makes the regulations in the Schedule.

SCHEDULE**Definitions**

1. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise indicates, regulations means the regulations made in terms of section 20 of the Genetically Modified Organisms Act, 1997 (Act No. 15 of 1997), published under Government Notice No. R.120 of 26 February 2010; and

“**national state of disaster**” means a national state of disaster as declared in terms of section 27(1) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002).

Amendment of regulation 9

Regulation 9 of the regulations is hereby amended by the addition of the following sub-regulation:

- (8) The provisions of regulation 9 do not apply to applications made in respect of genetically modified organisms aimed at addressing, preventing and combating the spread of a pandemic in an instance where a national state of disaster has been declared.”

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